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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are two copies of an informant's statement dated February 13, 1966, containing information orally furnished on February 13, 1966, by CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, to SA RICHARD W. HANSEN. This information was reduced to writing on February 16, 1966, and the original report is maintained in Chicago file A)134-46-9549.

- 2 - Bureau (Encls. 2) (RM)
2 - New York (RM)
 (1 - 100-84994 (GUS HALL)
 (1 - 100-16021 (ARNOLD JOHNSON)
 (1 - 100-80641 (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION)
 (1 - 100-79717 (CP, USA - POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)
 (1 - 100-153735 (CIRM)
6 - Chicago
 (1 - A)134-46-9549)
 (1 - 100-3470 (MORRIS CHILDS)
 (1 - 100-20289 [REDACTED]
 (1 - 100-18953 (CP, ILLINOIS DISTRICT - ORGANIZATION)
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GUS HALL, General Secretary, Communist Party (CP), USA, after remaining overnight in Room 2301, Holiday Inn, Lake Shore Drive and Ontario Street, Chicago, was met for breakfast at approximately 8:30 AM, February 13, 1966, and thereafter, at approximately 9:30 AM, was picked up and driven to 4426 1/2 South Drexel, Chicago, by [redacted] At this latter address, HALL participated in a meeting consisting of members of the CP of Illinois State Board and certain invited guests. This meeting, which lasted until approximately 2:45 PM, was devoted entirely to a report on and a discussion of Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING's movement in Chicago and the mapping out of means for the mobilization of every member of the CP, including youth, in support of KING's Negro freedom activity.

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Following this meeting, HALL was again picked up by [redacted] and driven to the vicinity of 31st Street and Lake Shore Drive, where he was met by MORRIS CHILDS, who drove HALL in his personally owned automobile to O'Hare International Airport, Chicago, for his return to New York City. At approximately 5:00 PM, February 13, 1966, HALL departed Chicago on American Airlines Flight #250 and at the time of his departure HALL indicated he would proceed from Kennedy International Airport, New York, by helicopter to downtown New York City and remain overnight at the Commodore Hotel. HALL stated the reason for taking a hotel room in downtown New York City and not proceeding home was that early the following morning he was to meet with several important individuals, unidentified, on political matters. Arrangements for such a meeting by HALL in New York City had been handled by ARNOLD JOHNSON and HALL was informed of these arrangements in a telephone call JOHNSON made to Chicago at approximately 3:00 PM on Sunday, February 13, 1966.

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On February 16, 1966, a confidential source advised Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) called a conference of several individuals on February 12, 1966. This conference was held at SCLC headquarters and lasted throughout most of the day. It was attended by the following individuals. Reverend KING, Reverend RALPH D. ABERNATHY, Vice President and Treasurer, SCLC; RANDOLPH T. BLACKWELL, Program Director, SCLC; HOSEA WILLIAMS, Director, Voter Registration, SCLC; ANDREW J. YOUNG, Executive Director, SCLC.

[redacted] SCLC, [redacted]
[redacted] SCLC, [redacted] SCLC,
[redacted] SCLC, [redacted]
[redacted] and STANLEY LEVISON.

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Reverend KING announced this conference was of an emergency nature, the purpose of which was to examine the immediate financial condition of SCLC and endeavor to determine methods of increasing the organization's income.

A financial report submitted by [redacted] reflected that for some time prior to February 12, 1966, income of SCLC had lagged appreciably and accounts payable as of that date approximated \$40,000. Assets of the organization

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consisted of approximately \$23,000 cash maintained in the Citizens Trust Company Bank, Atlanta, and savings accounts maintained by SCLC in several banks located in various cities. These savings accounts constitute a reserve of approximately \$35,000. An additional reserve was mentioned and appeared to consist of some type of stock certificate having a present potential value of about \$140,000.

[] submitted a recommendation of the SCLC Finance Office that in view of anticipated income from existing sources (not identified) SCLC avoid borrowing money so as not to encumber itself with additional debt.

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Reverend KING explained that the thought of SCLC struggling through financial difficulties placed a mental burden upon him which curbed energy he required for other necessary activity. Consequently, Reverend KING said he desired that SCLC's debtor status be eliminated in order that he would not be plagued with this burden.

[] pointed out to Reverend KING that his budget as of the present time was in arrears regarding travel expenses. Reverend KING emphatically stated he would not tolerate his activity being restricted in any manner. He declared that at any time his travel expenses exceeded the amount which had been budgeted therefore it would be necessary to adjust the organization's budget in this respect. Reverend KING stated, however, he insisted upon being advised when organizational expenditures by SCLC staff members exceeded the budgeted figure for their respective departments.

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The conference then gave consideration to several means of raising funds for SCLC.

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Reverend KING recommended SCLC borrow \$35,000 from the Citizens Trust Company. This loan would be secured only on the signatures of Reverend KING, ABERNATHY and YOUNG.

Source advised that as of February 13, 1966 negotiations to obtain this loan were being undertaken.

At the conference Reverend KING suggested the loan from the Citizens Trust Company be repaid with money realized from solicitation of churches. He observed that this was a potential source of funds upon which SCLC to date had not pursued to any great extent. The conference decided that YOUNG assisted by [redacted]

[redacted] SCLC, would draw up a list of churches to be contacted. The initial manner of contacting these churches was not decided. However, it was agreed that ABERNATHY will follow the initial contact with a telegram and if a contribution is not forthcoming within one week ABERNATHY will follow the telegram with a phone call.

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To assist in repaying the Citizens Trust Company, LEVISON suggested that certain labor organizations (not identified) also be solicited for contributions. LEVISON and [redacted] accepted responsibility for handling solicitation of these organizations.

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The conference agreed that the foregoing two solicitation programs could be expected to produce \$50,000 which would leave a surplus over the amount borrowed from the Citizens Trust Company.

As a precautionary measure against unexpected financial difficulty, the conference requested [redacted] to negotiate a loan with a Chicago bank (not identified) which could be obtained by SCLC on extremely short notice at some future date. The exact amount of this loan was not prescribed during the conference. It also agreed that

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[] negotiations should concern an amount which will be secured by a stock certificate handled by Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith, Inc., which the conference understood has a current potential market value of \$140,000. Source was unable to furnish any details regarding this stock.

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The conference agreed to look into the possibility of implementing a suggestion made by [] [] suggested a radio program be obtained which would feature Reverend KING and also possibly ABERNATHY. This program would be a short Sunday morning program produced by a number of radio stations throughout the country and in essence would be an appeal for contributions to SCLC.

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The conference discussed a fund raising activity which source advised apparently had been initially organized by SCLC prior to the date of this conference. Source was unable to advise who may have actually originated this activity but understood HARRY WACHTEL is concerned in some manner with the administration of this activity. This will consist of a fund raising in three European cities which will commence during March, 1966. Two of these cities are London, England and Paris, France. The third city is located in a Scandanavian country, the identity of which source was unable to advise. In each of these cities SCLC contemplates that most of the fund raising effort (not discussed in detail) will be undertaken by a local bank and local residents. From this activity SCLC contemplates realizing up to \$200,000.

In regard to this European activity, LEVISON voiced his opinion that \$200,000 was an unrealistic expectation. He did not say what he expected SCLC would realize from this activity but indicated he definitely felt it would be less than \$200,000.

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It was also discussed that during the month of March, 1966 SCLC, through the assistance of HARRY BELAFONTE, will hold a concert program in Chicago. Financial benefit realized from this program will be shared jointly by SCLC and the Coordinating Council of Community Organizations in Chicago.

[] announced that arrangements had been made with a current popular entertainment group known as the Supremes. This group during its forthcoming tours throughout various sections of the country will solicit financial contributions for SCLC. According to [] it is anticipated that \$100,000 will be realized from the efforts of this group. [] also announced that a recording company (not identified) has previously donated approximately 200 records to the American Foundation on Non-Violence (AFN). It is anticipated that these records will be sold for the benefit of SCLC by the AFN of which HARRY WACHTEL is Executive Vice President.

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During the conference, LEVISON made brief reference to the mail solicitation program handled by the New York Office of SCLC. He said experience has shown that contributions derived from this program are to a large extent seasonal in amount. LEVISON explained that during the spring months SCLC could reasonably expect its receipts to be appreciably better than other months of the year.

Reverend KING advised the conference that throughout the balance of this year he was confident that his own speaking engagements and concerts given from time to time by his wife, CORETTA SCOTT KING, would realize close to \$100,000 for the benefit of SCLC.

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Source advised that for the most part the individuals attending this conference participated in the various discussions which took place and seemed to share the opinion the conference as a whole was beneficial. No individual attempted to dominate any particular phase of the discussions. Source observed that during the conference Reverend KING evidenced a definite degree of interest and attentiveness to all suggestions and comments made by [] and LEVISON.

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On October 28, 1958, a confidential source advised that according to [REDACTED] at Communist Party Headquarters, New York, [REDACTED] had been a member of the Young Communist League (YCL) before coming into [REDACTED]

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The YCL has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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RANDOLPH BLACKWELL

On February 26, 1953, a confidential source advised RANDOLPH BLACKWELL had been a member of the Communist Party in the District of Columbia.

A confidential source advised that RANDOLPH BLACKWELL attended a Labor Youth League convention on August 13, 1950, at the Algonquin Club, 1400 Fayetteville Street, Durham, North Carolina.

The Labor Youth League has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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A news item in "The Atlanta Daily World" (an Atlanta, Georgia, daily Negro newspaper), dated May 21, 1965, titled "Albany 'Justice' Assailed" datelined Hapeville, Georgia, sets forth information regarding a semi-annual board meeting of the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) held in Hapeville during the previous weekend. The article reports that Miss CAROL HOOVER, Atlanta, Georgia, an administrative assistant at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) was one of four new members added to the board of SCEF at this meeting.

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A characterization of the SCEF is attached hereto.

On August 22, 1964, [REDACTED] of SCLC, Atlanta, Georgia, told STANLEY LEVISON she was glad to have seen him at a party the previous Wednesday, according to a confidential source.

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She also asked LEVISON for a financial contribution to the campaign fund of [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
Atlanta, Georgia.

LEVISON advised [REDACTED] that in response to her request he had contributed \$50.

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CLARENCE JONES

CLARENCE JONES is the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

A confidential source advised on February 26, 1957, that he had identified a photograph of CLARENCE JONES as a person whom he knew during late 1953 or early 1954 to be a member of, and in a position of leadership in, the Labor Youth League.

The Labor Youth League has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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STANLEY LEVISON

A confidential source advised in April, 1964, that STANLEY LEVISON was a secret member of the Communist Party (CP), USA, in July, 1963. In late 1963, and early 1964, he criticized the CP for not being sufficiently militant in the civil rights struggle. LEVISON was described by certain CP leaders as being to the "left" of the CP in his position in civil rights. LEVISON's differences with the CP, however, are merely tactical and he continues his ideological adherence to Communism.

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HARRY WACHTEL

HARRY WACHTEL is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York. He resides at 29 Split Rock Drive, King Point, Long Island, New York.

A confidential source furnished information in December, 1949, that HARRY H. WACHTEL, 41 Broad Street, New York, New York, was on the list of individuals carried as active members of the National Lawyers Guild.

A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto.

On March 5, 1944, a confidential source furnished information which revealed that the name HARRY WACHTEL was on the list of names, significance not known, which was maintained at the Headquarters of the Kings County Communist Party at 26 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Regarding [redacted] it is noted that the same confidential source furnished information on March 5, 1944, which revealed her name and address were on a list of names of newly-elected officers of the Bath Beach Club of the Kings County Communist Party.

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GANDHI SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS.

The Gandhi Society for Human Rights was formed for the purpose of developing a philosophy and technique of non-violent civil rights protests. It is a non-action organization and makes no attempt to influence legislation nor participate in demonstrations. The Society furnishes legal assistance in certain civil rights cases. The organization was incorporated June 14, 1962.

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SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC.

"The Southern Patriot," a monthly publication, shows that it is published by the SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC. (SCEF).

"The Southern Patriot" was cited as an "Organ" of the SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOR HUMAN WELFARE (SCHW) by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, on the SCHW, June 12, 1947.

The SCHW was cited as a communist front by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, June 16, 1947.

An amendment to the charter of the SCHW changed the name of that organization to the SCEF, and listed its purpose as being to improve the educational and cultural standards of the Southern people in accordance with the highest American democratic institutions, traditions, and ideals. The amendment was dated April 26, 1946.

A source advised on March 2, 1961, that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, a Communist Party functionary, stated at a meeting of the Communist Party in Baltimore, Maryland, on February 25, 1961, that the Communist Party is not connected with any progressive movement but indirectly they do have some influence in the SCEF.

A second source, who is familiar with some phases of Communist Party activity in the New Orleans area, advised on June 2, 1965, that during the time the SCHW was in existence, Communist Party (CP) members have not been encouraged to work in the SCEF. The source stated the SCEF is a progressive, liberal organization, which he considers a CP front organization because it has gone along with the Communist Party on certain issues, particularly on the racial question.

On June 2, 1964, the second source advised that in the past he has considered JAMES DOMBROWSKI, the Executive Director of the SCEF, to be a Communist, if not an actual Communist Party member, because he followed communist principles.

The second source advised on May 27, 1963, that many people who are officials and members of the SCEF, while liberal in their views, are by no means communists.

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THE NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supersede Guide published on May 14, 1951, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following information concerning "The National Lawyers Guild:"

1. Cited as a Communist front.

(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311, on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149).

2. Cited as a Communist front which "is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations and controlled unions" and which "since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individuals members thereof, including known espionage agents." (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950.)

3. "To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the *** National Lawyers' Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection."

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)

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Title	COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
Character	INTERNAL SECURITY - C INTERNAL SECURITY - C
Reference	Letterhead Memorandum, dated captioned as above, at Atlanta, Georgia.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Bufile 100-438794Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau and New York 2/14/66
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for Chicago 2 copies and for New York 5 copies LHM.Source referred to in the enclosed LHM is

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 (3- 100-442529)
 (1- 100-438794)
- 2 - Chicago (Enc. 2) (RM)
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 (1- 100-148289) (HARRY WACHTEL)
 (1- 100-73250)
 (1- 100-111180) (STANLEY LEVISON)
- 12 - Atlanta
 (1- 100-6670)
 (1- 100-5718)
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 (1- 100-5586) (M. L. KING, JR.)
 (1- 157-257) (RALPH ABERNATHY)
 (1- 157-698) (R. T. BLACKWELL)
 (1- 157-895) (HOSEA WILLIAMS)
 (1- 157-621) (ANDREW YOUNG)
 (1- 100-6684)
 (1- 157-975)
 (1- 157-660)
 (1- 100-6351) (CORETTA KING)

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AT 100-6670
AT 100-5718

Sources used to characterize BLACKWELL are [redacted] and [redacted] b7D

Source used to characterize [redacted] is NY 5019-S*. b6
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Source used to characterize CLARENCE JONES is [redacted] b6
[redacted] Columbia University Labor Youth b7C
League in 1954. b7D

Source used to characterize LEVISON is NY 694-S*.

Sources used to characterize WACHTEL are Anonymous b6
Source of WFO set out in report of SA [redacted] 7/19/50 b7C
at WFO re "NLG; IS-C" and NY 1190-S*. b7D

Source used to characterize [redacted] is NY 694-S*. b6
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Source advised during the conference referred to in enclosed LHM, he was periodically engaged in ascertaining various items of information pursuant to the requests of some of the staff members present. Accordingly, his continuity in following some of the discussions which took place was interrupted.

Referenced teletype indicated that on 2/13/66 source advised some comments made during course of this conference suggested the possibility of "a personality clash between LEVISON and WACHTEL. When discussing this matter with informant in detail on 2/16/66, he stated this was simply based on a statement at one point by [redacted] made to KING. After KING had been talking at great length on one particular point, [redacted] endeavored to get him back to the subject under consideration and commented that HARRY WACHTEL was not running this particular meeting. To this comment LEVISON indicated he shared the same view as [redacted] For a period of time during the conference, [redacted] either inadvertently or in jest addressed LEVISON as "HARRY." On each occasion LEVISON made a point of correcting [redacted] Informant said it was from these two items that he sensed a slight degree of animosity toward WACHTEL on the part of LEVISON.

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AT 100-6670
AT 100-5718

Informant advised that the stock certificate referred to on page 2 of the enclosed LHM represents stock which was purchased at some time in the past by SCLC for approximately \$90,000. Informant said at this time he has no additional knowledge regarding this particular matter.

Dissemination of information furnished by [redacted] should be classified Confidential because this source occupies a sensitive position with SCLC and dissemination of information furnished by this source to unauthorized individuals could reasonably result in jeopardizing his security.

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The enclosed LHM has been classified Secret because it contains information from NY 694-S*, NY 1190-S* and NY 5019-S*. It is felt this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable position of the informants in furnishing information of this nature.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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215 U. S. Post Office Building
P. O. Box 1111
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203
February 17, 1966

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF STUDENT
NON-VIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE
(SNCC)

By undated memorandum the State Department advised as follows:

[redacted] in Arkansas, residence [redacted] Arkansas, was issued Passport Number [redacted] on January 24, 1966, at Washington, D. C. [redacted] planned to travel from New York City on January 29, 1966, by air for a three-week stay in Russia, and the purpose of the trip was listed as "to represent the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee."

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[redacted] Arkansas State Police, Little Rock, Arkansas, advised on February 14, 1966, that his files reflect that [redacted] Negro male, born in 1945 at Little Rock, Arkansas, FBI Number [redacted] Arkansas State Police Number [redacted] had the record of parading without a permit and disorderly conduct at the Sheriff's Office, Forrest City, Arkansas, on September 22, 1965. [redacted] address at that time was given as [redacted] Arkansas.

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The following individuals advised on February 14, 1966, that a check of their respective files failed to reflect a record of [redacted]

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RE: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF STUDENT
NON-VIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE
(SNCC)

Brothers (continued)

[redacted]
[redacted] Little Rock, Arkansas;

[redacted] address unknown,
Chicago, Illinois;

[redacted]
California, U. S. Air Force Base;

[redacted] address
unknown, St. Louis, Missouri;

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[redacted] with parents,
[redacted] Arkansas

Sisters - [redacted] also
known as [redacted]

[redacted] Chicago, Illinois;

[redacted] also known as

[redacted]
[redacted] Little Rock,
Arkansas

Arrest Record

Atlanta, Georgia, twice for
demonstrating with SNCC workers and
was held for five hours on one charge
and five days on the other

Draft Board

Local Board 62, North Little Rock,
Arkansas

Education

Two years college, University of
Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas

[redacted]
Arkansas, was rejected for the Draft in December, 1965, and
reclassified 4F by Local Board 62, North Little Rock, because
of alleged homo-sexual tendencies.

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LR T-1, 2/14/66

RE: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF STUDENT
NON-VIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE
(SNCC)

On February 15, 1966, a telephone call under suitable pretext was made to the residence of [redacted] Arkansas, telephone Franklin 6-1718. [redacted] answered the telephone and advised that [redacted] was presently in West Memphis, Arkansas, residing at [redacted] and that he had called home on Friday, February 11, 1966.

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[redacted] Field Worker for SNCC, Little Rock, Arkansas, has been in West Memphis, Arkansas, for approximately 1 1/2 weeks, having come there from Little Rock. [redacted] had previously been in the state of Georgia, name of town unknown. [redacted] indicated that his draft board in North Little Rock, Arkansas was re-evaluating his case and might draft him in spite of his health condition. [redacted] is now residing in a two-story house on South 11th Street in West Memphis, Arkansas.

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LR T-2, 2/15/66

On February 16, 1966, [redacted] contacted the West Memphis Resident Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in regard to another matter. At this time he advised that his home address was [redacted] Arkansas, and that he has a temporary residence at [redacted] West Memphis, Arkansas, telephone RE 5-2357.

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He stated that during the first week of January, 1966, he attended the National Executive Board meeting of the SNCC in Atlanta, Georgia. The result of the meeting was SNCC's drawing up a resolution opposing the current U. S. Government policy in the war in Viet Nam. He stated he had stayed in Atlanta, Georgia, about three days and had attended this meeting and had returned to his residence at North Little Rock; where he had been ill. He claimed that his Draft Board had reclassified him, and he had failed to pass his physical examination. When questioned concerning his illness, he stated he was suffering with a stomach disorder, not further described.



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Little Rock, Arkansas 72203
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-439190)

FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (100-3506) P

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF STUDENT
NON-VIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE
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OO: Atlanta
Bufile: 100-439190

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
IS - C
OO: New York
Bufile 100-442529

ReBuairtel to Atlanta and Little Rock, 2/10/66.

Enclosed to the Bureau are 12 copies of a LHM captioned
"COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF STUDENT NON-VIOLENT COORDINATING
COMMITTEE (SNCC)," dated 2/17/66.

Enclosed to Atlanta are 2 copies of this LHM and
enclosed for New York are 2 copies of this LHM as office of
origin in the CIRM case. Two copies are being furnished WFO.

- 5 - Bureau (Enc. 12) (RM)
(3 - 100-439190 COMINFIL SNCC) (2 - 100-442529 CIRM)
- 2 - Atlanta (100-6488) (Enc. 2) (RM)
- 2 - New York (100-153735 CIRM) (Enc. 2) (RM)
- 2 - WFO (Enc. 2) (RM)
- 4 - Little Rock (2 - 100-3506) (2 - 100-3564)

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Copies of this LHM have been furnished locally to INTC and Secret Service, Little Rock, Ark.; OSI, Barksdale AFB, La.; and ONI, New Orleans, La.

Also attached to the Bureau are 2 copies of FD-376 for appropriate dissemination to U. S. Secret Service, Washington, D. C.

For the information of the Bureau, the description of [redacted] which is set forth in LHM was obtained on 7/19/65 in connection with an investigation in Little Rock file 173-92. Bufile 173-1656, captioned "[redacted] aka, etc; [redacted] - VICTIM, PUBLIC FACILITIES - INTERFERENCE. CRA. 1964," and furnished to the Bureau in report of SA [redacted] dated 7/23/65 at Little Rock.

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The current contact with [redacted] set forth in the LHM was occasioned by [redacted] telephonically contacting the West Memphis Resident Agency on 2/15/66 and stating he desired to furnish a civil rights complaint to the Little Rock Office. [redacted] subsequently visited the West Memphis RA on 2/16/66 and furnished the additional information which is set out in the LHM. In regard to the alleged civil rights complaint, on the visit to the RA, he advised he had not had a chance to ascertain details of the alleged civil rights complaint and did not know whether an allegation would be made until he could locate the alleged victim.

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For the information of the Bureau, Little Rock indices do not contain any subversive information concerning [redacted]
[redacted]

The pretext telephone call made to the residence of subject's parents was made by SA [redacted] under the pretext of a former SNCC Field Worker who worked with [redacted] and who was just passing through Little Rock.

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Will remain alert through established sources for any indications that [redacted] intends to travel to Russia and immediately notify Little Rock so this supposed travel can be verified.

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WFO DIVISION

Will examine records of the Passport Office of the U. S. State Department and obtain full details concerning [redacted] anticipated travel to Russia, noting that [redacted] did not consummate the travel to Russia as indicated by the State Department.

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Will place appropriate stops on subject's passport so any such future travel will be brought to the attention of the FBI.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (100-15058) (P*)
SUBJECT: CIRM
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OO: NEW YORK

On 2/16/66, [] advised the following information was received in a letter dated 2/13/66, from GEORGE MEYERS, District Organizer, Southern Region, CPUSA, who is from Baltimore, Md. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ (U)

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MEYERS stated that he had recently returned home after accompanying GUS HALL to Tuskegee College in Alabama where HALL had given a speech. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ (U)

- 5 - Bureau (RM)
 - (1 - 100-438794 - SCLC)
 - (1 - 100-3-69 - CPUSA ORGANIZATION)
- 2 - Baltimore (RM)
 - (1 - 100-12076 - GEORGE MEYERS)
- 3 - Atlanta (RM)
 - (1 - 100-5718 - SCLC)
- 2 - Mobile (RM)
- 3 - Jacksonville (RM)
 - (1 - 100- SCLC)
- 3 - New York (RM)
 - (1 - 100-153735 (CIRM)
 - (1 - 100-80641 - CP ORG.)
 - (1 - 100-84994 - GUS HALL)
- 5 - Miami
 - (1 - 100-800 - CP)
 - (1 - [])
 - (1 - 157-489 - SCLC)
 - (1 - 157-1336 - RACIAL SITUATION)

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In discussing the Negro situation in Miami, he said that there are Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) Chapters established in Miami, St. Augustine and Jacksonville, Fla. He suggested that the Florida CPUSA Organizer contact these Chapters and lend them any CP support they desired. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ (U)

[] learned that the Florida CPUSA Organizer intends to look into this matter further through conversations with other CP members and possibly submit a memorandum to the National Office, requesting instructions before contacting these Chapters on a "cold" basis. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ (U) b7D

In view of the manner of receipt of this information and the possibility informant could be compromised, an LHM was not prepared at this time.

Investigation by Jacksonville should be most circumspect concerning the alleged new Chapters unless information is already available from other sources of their existence. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ (U) b7D

[] advised that GEORGE MEYERS is known to "stretch the truth" and even lie to "play up" activity in the Southern Region in order to impress the CPUSA with his work. However, information concerning the establishment of the Miami Chapter of the SCLC was furnished the Bureau in Miami LHM, 2/8/66, under CIRM caption. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ (U)

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-445529)

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SAC, CHICAGO (100-41324)

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EXTREME CAUTION MUST BE EXERCISED IN CONNECTION WITH ANY HANDLING OR REPORTING OF THE INFORMATION SET FORTH HEREIN IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THIS HIGHLY PLACED SOURCE. SINCE THE INFORMATION BY ITS VERY NATURE TENDS TO IDENTIFY THIS SOURCE, IT SHOULD BE COMPLETELY PARAPHRASED IF FOUND NECESSARY TO BE SET FORTH IN ANY REPORT FOR DISSEMINATION.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are two copies of an informant's statement dated February 13, 1966, containing information orally furnished on February 13, 1966, by CG 3824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, to SA RICHARD W. HANSEN. This information was reduced to writing on February 17, 1966, and the original report is maintained in CG file A) 134-44-9558.

2-Bureau (Enc. 2)(RM)

3-Cleveland (RM)

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(HENRY WINSTON)

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4-New York (RM)

(1 - 100-84994

(GUS HALL)

(1 - 100-269

(HENRY WINSTON)

(1 - 100-80841

(CP, USA - Organization)

(1 - 100-153735 (CIRM)

1-San Francisco (Info)(RM)

(1 - 100-

(W.E.B. Du Bois Clubs of America)

6-Chicago

(1 - A) 134-44-9558)

(1 - 61-867

(CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)

(1 - 100-18953

(CP, Illinois District - Organization)

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(W.E.B. Du Bois Clubs of America)

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February 13, 1966

During the course of discussion at the State Board, Communist Party (CP) of Illinois, meeting held on February 13, 1966, in Chicago, Illinois, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, leading functionary of the CP of Illinois, and Chairman of the Negro Commission, CP, USA, indicated he would be going to Cleveland, Ohio, sometime in the future on Negro Commission work and would meet there with HENRY WINSTON and others. The purpose of their meetings in Cleveland would be to discuss various aspects of and developments relating to the Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING movement in Chicago and to prepare for a possible similar drive by the KING forces in Cleveland on the question of civil rights, equality, and slums.

GUS HALL, General Secretary, CP, USA, who was also present at this Board meeting, stated that maybe the Party should do as Dr. KING has done and get an apartment in Chicago and move the Negro Commission into it, here, in Chicago. If the Party did this, then the Negro Commission could get behind the KING drive. He reminded those present that they should not forget that the Party has not as yet given up the thought of moving the National Office out of New York to Chicago in order to be near the center of the working class. At the same time, HALL also made it known that the W.E.B. Du Bois Clubs of America (DCA) would definitely be moving to Chicago and some of the national leadership are scheduled to be in the city during June, 1966. He stated that he personally could see no reason why these leaders who were coming here could not move up their arrival date in order to "pitch in here on the KING movement" and give it all the help possible.

February 12, 1966

GUS HALL, General Secretary, Communist Party (CP), USA, arrived in Chicago at approximately 12:00 noon, February 12, 1966, via American Airlines from New York City. HALL was met at the airport and driven to the Holiday Inn, vicinity of Lake Shore Drive and Ontario Street, Chicago, where he was registered into Room 2301 under the name G. FALLS.

At approximately 2:00 PM, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, [] [] JACK KLING and MORRIS CHILDS, all leading representatives of the CP of Illinois, assembled at HALL's room at the Holiday Inn for a meeting. This get-together with HALL was arranged for one purpose and that being to resolve leadership problems in the CP of Illinois centering around the future of [] in the Illinois District. As the meeting opened, HALL indicated he had come to Chicago, at the suggestion of the Secretariat, to settle the leadership problem and had also brought in with him a recommendation of the Secretariat that [] be transferred either to Philadelphia as District Organizer or to Washington, D. C., as "Worker" representative and Legislative Director. In relating the foregoing, HALL was careful to give in way of reasons for the recommendation of the Secretariat that there was a need for a new D.O. in Philadelphia as [] was leaving that post in Philadelphia in mid February. HALL also noted that in regard to Washington, D. C., that unless the Party puts an effective "Worker" representative and Legislative Director in that city, the Party never will be taken seriously as a political organization. He also pointed out that this was the basis for the Secretariat's recommendation that [] be transferred and that the Secretariat felt [] was a good man for one or the other of these two openings. At this point, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT took the lead and argued against moving [] out of the Illinois District at this time. He indicated there had been some recent discussions on the leadership problems between him, [] and KLING and it was his and the others' opinion that it would be best now that [] remain here. LIGHTFOOT then presented the suggestion that [] instead of being transferred, be given the assignment as Midwest Coordinator

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of all Party trade union activity, including those within the CP of Illinois District and that he also act as "The Worker" correspondent locally. In addition to these tasks, [] would also work as a part of the Illinois District Collective. [] at this point indicated he endorsed this suggestion of LIGHTFOOT and agreed that he could work as a part of the collective if given the responsibilities as outlined by LIGHTFOOT. Following a long and frank discussion which was participated in by all present, including detailed arguments regarding the matter, there was a final agreement of the local leadership that HALL should carry back a recommendation to the Secretariat in New York that [] remain in Chicago, with the tasks suggested by LIGHTFOOT, and not be transferred to another district. At this point, HALL noted that based on the arguments he had heard he would agree to [] staying in Chicago but that final decision on this matter would rest with the Secretariat in New York. HALL also stated that he felt satisfied with the tentative agreement concerning WEST and believed that it was a satisfactory solution to the problem.

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HALL also, at this time, noted after [] had raised the point, that sometime in the near future, in order to provide [] with the necessary authority for his task as Midwest Coordinator, to take [] along with him on one of his Midwest trips to such places as Cleveland, Detroit, Pittsburgh, etc. He would introduce [] to Party trade union workers and contacts as the Party's Midwest trade union coordinator. By doing this both he and [] felt that there would be sufficient recognition and authority for [] to carry out his duties.

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Following the solution to the main problem, there was a general discussion carried out. It was at this time that it was learned that HALL would attend a CP, Illinois District Board meeting to be attended by board members and invited guests scheduled for the AM of February 13, 1966, at the residence of []. Chicago. The meeting place was described as "safe" by LIGHTFOOT and had been arranged for by []. After this meeting on February 13, 1966, is concluded, which LIGHTFOOT indicated would be approximately 1:30 PM, HALL noted he planned to return directly to New York City. In this

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connection, HALL stated he had an important meeting in New York City on February 14, 1966, with some unidentified individual to discuss certain political and legislative matters.

Following conclusion of this afternoon meeting, HALL, at approximately 6:30 PM, was taken to dinner at the Shangri-la Restaurant, 222 North State Street, Chicago. Following dinner HALL returned to his hotel room, noting he was extremely tired as a result of his trip to Tuskegee Institute and Atlanta and was in need of rest. He noted further that while in Tuskegee he had received an invitation to go to New Orleans but had turned the invitation down because of his physical exhaustion. In commenting on his recent trip to Georgia and Alabama, which had occurred on February 9 and 10, 1966, HALL stated it had been a successful trip. He stated that while in Atlanta he had visited Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING's Southern Christian Leadership Conference Headquarters and talked to some people there, including one of KING's chief "brain trusters." Based on his conversations in Atlanta, he stated they expect "our support." HALL also noted that he had left JAMES JACKSON in the South to conduct some classes at an unnamed school and at one of the classes he conducted over 200 students had turned out. HALL felt this turnout was exceptionally good.

At approximately 10:30 PM, HALL retired for the evening after concluding arrangements to be met the following morning at 8:30 AM for breakfast and then to be taken to the Illinois District Board meeting.

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (61-8077)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-17517)
SUBJECT: GUS HALL
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ISA OF 1950

DATE: 2-16-66

EXTREME CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN CONNECTION WITH THE HANDLING OF THE INFORMATION SET FORTH HEREIN IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THIS HIGHLY PLACED SOURCE. SINCE THIS INFORMATION WAS CONFIDENTIALLY RECEIVED AND BECAUSE BY ITS VERY NATURE IT TENDS TO IDENTIFY THIS SOURCE, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT UNLESS THIS INFORMATION IS CORROBORATED THROUGH ANOTHER SOURCE, THAT IT NOT BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE THE BUREAU AT THIS TIME.

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2 - Bureau (Encls. 2) (RM)
3 - Atlanta (RM)
 (1 - 100- (GUS HALL)
 (1 - 100- (CIRM)
 (1 - 100- (SCLC)
2 - Birmingham (RM)
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7 - New York (RM)

(1 - 100-84994 (GUS HALL)
(1 - 100-16785 (JAMES JACKSON)
(1 - 100-89691 (CP, USA - DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION
ISSUES)
(1 - 100-80641 (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION)
(1 - 100-89590 (CP, USA - STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)
(1 - 100-153735 (CIRM)
(1 - 134-91 (INFO)

2 - Philadelphia (RM)

(1 - 100- [REDACTED]
(1 - 100-31723 (CP; EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT -
ORGANIZATION)

13- Chicago

(1 - A) 134-46-9548)
(1 - 100-18705 [REDACTED]
(1 - 100-20053 [REDACTED]
(1 - 100-3470 (MORRIS CHILDS)
(1 - 100-3293 [REDACTED]
(1 - 100-3313 (JACK KLING)
(1 - 61-867 (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
(1 - 100-20289 [REDACTED]
(1 - 100-18963 (CP, ILLINOIS DISTRICT - FACTIONALISM)
(1 - 100-18953 (CP, ILLINOIS DISTRICT - ORGANIZATION)
(1 - 100-41324 (CIRM)
(1 - 100- (CP, ILLINOIS DISTRICT - TRADE UNION
ACTIVITIES)

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: 2/21/66

FROM : *AKP* SAC, ATLANTA (100-6670) (P)

SUBJECT: *✓* CIRM *100-151548*

On 2/18/66 AT 1381-S* advised STANLEY LEVISON attempted to contact [redacted] at SCLC Headquarters. At the time [redacted] was not available and LEVISON requested he return his call. LEVISON furnished his telephone number as area code [redacted]

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If the information from AT 1381-S* is utilized for lead purposes, care should be taken not to jeopardize the source.

If the information from this source is disseminated, it should be classified Secret. This source has furnished highly sensitive information with respect to the racial situation in the Atlanta area and it is felt this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable position of the informant in furnishing information of this nature.

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2 - New York (RM)
 (1- 100-111180) (STANLEY LEVISON)
3 - Atlanta
 (1- 100-6670)
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 (1- 100-6684) [redacted]

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February 16, 1966

During the course of a staff meeting of the Communist Party (CP) of Illinois held on February 16, 1966, the following concerning future travel plans of leading representatives of the CP of Illinois was ascertained:

On February 27, 1966, JACK KLING, Organizational Secretary, CP of Illinois, is to travel to New York City to attend a meeting at the national office of the National Organization Commission. KLING is scheduled to remain in New York until at least the late PM of February 28, 1966. The discussion at this meeting of the National Organization Commission is to deal with the nationalities question.

On March 1, 1966, [] of the CP of Illinois is scheduled to travel to New York City and will remain there for a period of approximately three days. During this time he will meet with HENRY WINSTON and work with him on the preparation of one of the convention documents.

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On March 1, 1966, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, leading functionary, CP of Illinois, is also scheduled to depart Chicago for Canada. He is to spend three to four days in Canada and will lecture at the joint CP, USA - CP of Canada Marxist training school. After this, LIGHTFOOT will proceed to Cleveland, where he will meet with HENRY WINSTON on March 11, 1966, on problems relating to work of the National Negro Commission. Primarily, this meeting with WINSTON in Cleveland will be devoted to ascertaining why there is currently not a single Negro comrade registered in the Party at Cleveland. According to LIGHTFOOT, "they will rake some people over the coals" in Cleveland on this matter and at this point they consider [] responsible for this lack of Negro comrades in the Party. Following this Cleveland phase of his travel, LIGHTFOOT will then proceed to New York City.

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During the period of April 1 - 3, 1966, there is scheduled in New York City a meeting of the National Board, CP, USA, and LIGHTFOOT and WEST will be among those scheduled to attend.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

M E M O R A N D U M

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - ORGANIZATION
IS - C

DATE: 2-25-66

EXTREME CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN CONNECTION WITH THE HANDLING OF THE INFORMATION SET FORTH HEREIN IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THIS HIGHLY PLACED SOURCE. SINCE THIS INFORMATION WAS CONFIDENTIALLY RECEIVED AND BECAUSE BY ITS VERY NATURE IT TENDS TO IDENTIFY THIS SOURCE, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT UNLESS THIS INFORMATION IS CORROBORATED THROUGH ANOTHER SOURCE, THAT IT NOT BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE THE BUREAU AT THIS TIME.

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In regard to the travel noted in the enclosed informant's statement of CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT to Canada for the purpose of lecturing at a joint Communist Party (CP), USA - CP of Canada Marxist training school, CG 6031-S* has advised that for an unexplained reason, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT was informed on February 22, 1966, that this trip had been cancelled.

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(1 - 65-721 (ANTHONY KRCHMAREK)
(1 - 100- (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
(1 - 100- (HENRY WINSTON)
(1 - 100- (CIRM)

7 - New York (RM)

(1 - 100-19249 (JACK KLING)
(1 - 100-98699 (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
(1 - 100-269 (HENRY WINSTON)
(1 - 100-80633 (CP, USA - EDUCATION)
(1 - 100-54651 (CP, USA - NATIONALITY GROUPS)
(1 - 100-80641 (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION)
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7 - Chicago

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442529)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-155214) (P)

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Re letter to Director 2/3/66.

For information of AT the NYO has developed
background information re ~~subject as follows~~ *can be linked to be the subject,*

One [redacted] POB
Provo, Utah: subject's Veterans Administration (VA) Number
is [redacted] Subject was married on 3/14/44 at Denver, Colo.
to one [redacted] mother's name was
[redacted] was divorced from [redacted] on 3/14/46
at Denver, Colo.

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[redacted] entered the US Army on 8/3/42, at LA, Calif.
via Local Draft Board Number 5 at Denver, and was separated
from the service on 11/28/45. His Army Serial Number is
[redacted]

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[redacted] attended John H. Francis Polytechnical High
School, LA, Calif. and previously resided at [redacted]
[redacted] Hollywood, Calif. In September, 1946,
[redacted] advised the VA he was entering Chapman College at LA.

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He entered the University of Denver on 3/25/46
planning to study psychology. He stayed in school until
about 7/8/46.

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
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- 2 - St. Louis (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-153735)
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He was previously employed by the Denver and Rio Grande Western R.R. for a period of five years prior to his military service started in July, 1942, and his address upon entry into the service was 1607 W 25th St., LA, Calif.

LEADS

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AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA. Attempt through appropriate sources to determine if [redacted] is identical with [redacted] for SCIC.

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[redacted] 2-Determine Social Security Number of [redacted]

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ST. LOUIS

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. Review the military records of [redacted] Army Number [redacted]

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-142782)
FROM : SA [REDACTED]
SUBJECT: NEW YORK SCHOOL FOR MARXIST STUDIES
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DATE: 3/2/66

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- 1- [REDACTED]
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2/9/66

On 2/9/66, the School of Marxist Studies at 853 Broadway in NYC held its first Wednesday night evening session for the Spring term. The class was from 7:30 - 10:00 P.M. The speakers to appear were a Mr. MEYERS and a Mr. WINSTON. Mr. MEYERS could not make his scheduled appearance.

The Chairman of the School introduced the Negro spokesman, Mr. WINSTON, as a member of the Communist Party. The topic of this class was to explore the goals and horizons for freedom in the year 1966. Mr. WINSTON spoke for 45 minutes. His main theme was that Negroes in the U.S. will not be second class citizens for long if the Negro movement in America can join forces with the labor movement. WINSTON said that labor unions must arise in the South and take up the struggle for rights. He used the word "organization" as his main object to be stressed in his talk.

During the question and answer period that followed the speech, Mr. WINSTON was able to comment on the Viet Nam situation, opportunism among some Negro leaders, and other topics of interest to the group. The audience numbered about 35 with a wide range of ages. Admission was \$1.00 per person. A basket was passed, and the audience contributed loose pocket change.

The Chairman told the group of registration for courses offered by the School. He told of plans to picket the Waldorf Astoria Hotel when President JOHNSON receives a peace award. He asked everyone to come back again to the School.

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On 1/22/66, a CP NALC Caucus meeting was held at the residence of Henry Winston, Apartment 18, 334 East 108th Street, NYC. Those CP members present included:

Henry Winston
Claude Lightfoot



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The meeting concerned a lengthy discussion on the NALC and the role that the party can play in the NALC. Also discussed at this time was why the NY Chapter of the NALC was not operating properly and why the different committees were not functioning.

This meeting was a general discussion of NALC policies, activities and what it has done since the last NALC convention. It was also mentioned at this time that the next NALC convention would possibly be held in Baltimore, Maryland this year. It was felt that for the NALC to move ahead properly they should have a full time organizer. Claude Lightfoot stated that possibly Bayard Rustin would be the man to take over this responsibility. He stated that Rustin is not a party member but in the past has worked closely with party people, namely Ben Davis. Lightfoot stated that Rustin, when he had problems, used to come and see Davis about them and, in fact, when he got the job organizing the March on Washington, the first person he contacted concerning this was Ben Davis.

It was decided at this meeting that a caucus meeting would be held March 5th, to be attended by Lightfoot and Winston and that they would try to bring persons from Chicago, Baltimore and Philadelphia to this meeting.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (100-800) (P)

SUBJECT: CP, USA
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DATE: 2/28/66

On February 23, 1966, [redacted] made available the following material received from CP, USA National Headquarters, New York City. It is being assumed New York is already in receipt of these memoranda and no copies are being submitted with this letter;

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1. Three-page memorandum dated 12/9/65 from the National Negro Commission to all District Leaders concerning Negro History Week and detailing nine activities the Party should institute.
2. Two-page form memorandum dated January, 1966, to all Districts and youths from the "Youth Dept." concerning the BETTINA APTHEKER leaflet and ways and means for distribution of it.
3. Two-page form memorandum dated 1/28/66, to all Districts from the National Organization Department containing information on the report by GUS HALL at the recent Conference on Political Perspectives and Draft Program, the political resolution, "The Worker" and the referendum on constitutional amendments.

- 6 - New York (RM)
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(1 - 100-153735) (CIRM)
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New York, New York
March 2, 1966

Bureau 100-442529

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Re: Communist Influence in Racial Matters
Internal Security - C

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information on March 1, 1966, which disclosed that Stanley Levison and his brother, [redacted] [redacted] were in contact on that date. According to the information furnished by the source, the following transpired: ~~SECRET~~ (U)

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First of all, [redacted] wanted a report on Martin Luther King's (President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, SCLC) efforts to eradicate slum conditions in Chicago. Levison told him that results were quite sensational. He said "they" have 168 Organizations united including all civil rights organizations. ~~SECRET~~ (U)

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[redacted] then inquired if "they" (King's SCLC) were going to take a position in the elections in Chicago. Levison said he had discussed the matter with King and that King was of the opinion "they" could defeat United States Representative William Dawson. The "Dawson machine", Levison said, supports the "Daley machine" (Mayor Richard Daley of Chicago). King, according to Levison, feels that Al Raby, the President of the Chicago Coordinating Council of Community Organizations, could defeat Dawson. Raby, however, is reluctant to get involved because he is afraid people would think he got into the civil rights movement in Chicago solely for personal political gain. Levison said he told King that "they" should get involved in the political issue, or if not, to have a very serious discussion in that regard. ~~SECRET~~ (U)

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Re: Communist Influence in Racial Matters
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The next issue discussed was the probable United States Senate race between Senator Paul Douglas of Illinois and Charles Percy (the defeated Illinois Gubernatorial candidate). [redacted] in this regard, wondered if the civil rights groups in Chicago would have any sympathy with a movement which would attempt to defeat Douglas because of his position on Vietnam, (his support of the Administration's position). Levison said he did not think so, but added, however, that he would be going to Chicago next week (March 7-12, 1966), therefore, would try to find out from "them" (King and the SCLC).

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Both agreed that Douglas has a very good record on civil rights, and that to support a protest candidate to defeat him could be embarrassing to the civil rights forces.

Levison next referred to the recent act by King whereby he took over an apartment house in Chicago and announced that he would collect the rents and apply them to remodel the place. Levison said he disagreed with the act and had called Andrew Young (Executive Director of the SCLC) and asked why they had not used the legal resources available to them. Young, according to Levison, said it would have taken too long. Young said they wanted to do the act illegally, and in fact, had enjoyed it. He said they had desired to be jailed for furnishing heat for people with children. Levison said he told Young that it was a good idea and a good "battle cry", adding, however, that it had not turned out favorably (in the papers). Young concurred, but said they could not afford to make such an admission because if they did, Mayor Daley would have them jailed. Levison said he told Young that they had better go ahead and make a statement as to what their purpose was, so that the people in the country would know what their objective really was. Otherwise, Levison said, "they" (the SCLC) looked like a gang of anarchists in that they took over private property.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in April, 1964, that Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA) in July, 1963.

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In late 1963 and early 1964, he criticized the Communist Party (CP) for not being sufficiently militant in the civil rights struggle. Levison was described by certain CP leaders as being to the "left" of the CP in his position on civil rights. His differences, however, are merely tactical and he continues his ideological adherence to Communism.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on July 16, 1963, that as of that date, Roy Bennett was a secret member of the CPUSA.

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Enclosed are ten copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) reporting information derived from NY 3810-S*, a source close to STANLEY LEVISON. Two copies are enclosed for the Atlanta Office and one is enclosed for the information of Chicago. ~~SECRET~~ (U)

NY 694-S* was the source who furnished the information used to characterize STANLEY LEVISON and ROY BENNETT. ~~SECRET~~ (U)

This LHM is classified "~~Secret~~" because it contains information from NY 3810-S* and NY 694-S*. The first source furnishes highly sensitive information with regard to racial matters in the United States and the Communist infiltration thereof; the last source, in furnishing information used to characterize STANLEY LEVISON, furnished a concentration of information. ~~SECRET~~ (U)

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February 16, 1966

On February 16, 1966, a meeting of the staff, Communist Party (CP) of Illinois, participated in by staff members CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, JACK KLING, MORRIS CHILDS, LOU DISKIN and [redacted] was held at the residence of JACK KLING. One invited guest, [redacted] was present for a portion of the proceedings. This staff meeting dealt with practical as well as administrative problems of the district and among matters raised at this time were the following:

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[redacted] current employee at the district office, intends to leave this post and a replacement for her is necessary. LOU DISKIN indicated he had a girl, unidentified, willing to accept this position and willing to work at the office. CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, however, made a counterproposal that perhaps [redacted] could handle the job and work on a couple of days a week basis. He noted that if she could be employed on such a basis and paid an amount of approximately \$25.00 a week, this would relieve him of his present pressing financial problems and make it easier for him to carry out his Party responsibilities. Based on this proposal of LIGHTFOOT concerning utilization of [redacted] at the Party office, a decision was made that she be the one hired. However, DISKIN was told not to tell the other woman as yet that this post was filled since LIGHTFOOT had not discussed this matter with [redacted]

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It was also decided that the next meeting of the State Board, CP of Illinois, scheduled for February 22, 1966, would be held at 1808 North Celveland, Chicago, which is the permanent residence of [redacted] but now being occupied on a temporary basis by [redacted] a youth. This board meeting will be an enlarged one dealing with youth and the main report is to be given by [redacted] Among guests to be invited to this enlarged board meeting will be [redacted] who heads up a youth group of about 20 members on the Chicago north side known as Modern Teens. These youth are not now in the Party but the purpose of this organization is to seek to move the youth in the direction of the Party and subsequently into it. At the present time this youth organization headed up by [redacted] feels that the Du Bois Clubs have moved too far to the left and they do not care to identify themselves too closely with them.

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It was also decided that in regard to the May Day, 1966 celebration, that efforts should be made to hold this affair on Sunday, May 1, 1966. The sponsoring group for this meeting should again be identified as the Chicago May Day Committee. Efforts are to be made to secure the Midland Hotel in Chicago for the meeting place and HERBERT APTHEKER was suggested as a possible speaker. LOU DISKIN was assigned the task of contacting [] at the AIMS office in New York for the purpose of getting APTHEKER committed for the May 1, 1966, date. If APTHEKER can be secured for this affair, then the district would draw up some plans to have APTHEKER available afterwards for use at a school and at some smaller Party meetings.

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[] raised the matter of his being relieved from the task on the District Peace Commission and in some other district fields in view of his recent assignment as trade union coordinator for the Illinois District and the Midwest. However, it was decided that a decision on this matter should be delayed at least until the next staff meeting was held, which is now scheduled for February 24, 1966, at the [] residence.

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Another matter raised was the possibility of getting the National Office to agree to the sending of VICTOR PERLO to Chicago for a period of time, during which he would research the causes, economic and social, for the existing slum conditions here. Following such research, he would draw up a paper on this matter. If the National Office approved this request, it would be asked to pay for the cost of this project. [] was to raise this matter with the National Office during a contemplated trip to New York on March 1, 1966.

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Also, at this time, financial needs of the district and various pending projects, as well as the amounts of money which would need to be requested from the National Office in order to carry them out, were discussed. In this connection, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, the leading functionary, CP of Illinois, and head of the National Negro Commission, CP, USA, stated that the Party had put thousands of dollars into "Freedomways" magazine but as yet had not set aside a single penny for the Negro freedom movement. Accordingly, LIGHTFOOT, as well as the others, agreed that the National Office should be requested to provide at least

a thousand dollars for this purpose, which could be used for Party work related to the current civil rights activity in Chicago centered around Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

In addition, it was disclosed that there was another summer project for youth scheduled in Chicago for 1966 and that money will be needed to carry out this work. The National Office was to be requested to set aside and provide Chicago funds for this.

It was also noted that there should be additional—book stores opened in Chicago, one for the south side and one for the west side of the city. These new book store locations should be set up in order to have a place where material is available to youth, primarily the Negro youth. For each of these book stores, it was decided that the National Office should be requested to provide a minimum of \$1,000.00.

Regarding requests which are to be made to the National Office for financial support, [] was instructed to take these matters up in New York City when he proceeds there on March 1, 1966.

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MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-18953)

FROM : SA RICHARD W. HANSEN

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, ILLINOIS
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DATE: 3-1-66

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Date: FEB 28 1966

TO : SAC, BUFFALO (100-4379)

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
NEW YORK DISTRICT
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4 - Albany (Info) (RM)

(1 - 100- , UNSUB; White Male, In Attendance at CP,
NY Dist. Committee Meeting, 1/27-28/66)

(1 - 100- , ORGANIZATION)

(1 - 100- , "THE WORKER")

(1 - 100- , PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS)

(22) - New York (Info) (RM)

(1 - 100-128814, ORGANIZATION)

(1 - 100- , UNSUB, aka [REDACTED] White Male, Middle 50's
CP Member in Jefferson Book Shop)

(1 - 100- , [REDACTED])

(1 - 100-15946, JIM TORMEY)

(1 - 100- , GIL GREEN)

(1 - 100-128810, SECURITY MEASURES)

(1 - 100-128812, POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)

(1 - 100- , HERBERT APTHEKER)

(1 - 100-128804, YOUTH MATTERS)

(1 - 100-128813, PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS)

(1 - 100- , "THE WORKER")

(1 - 100-128314, FUNDS)

(1 - 100- , [REDACTED])

(1 - 100- , UNSUB, aka [REDACTED] White Male, 5'8", 145-150
pounds, young)

(1 - 100- , VIDEM)

(1 - 100-128819, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)

(1 - 100- , UNSUB, aka [REDACTED])

(1 - 100- , UNSUB, aka [REDACTED] White Male, Late 40's, 5'8",
at Meeting of NY Dist. CP Committee,
1/27-28/66)

(1 - 100- , CIRM) / 100-151548

(1 - 100- , UNSUB, aka [REDACTED] approximately 50, 5'8",
150 pounds, Thin Face)

(1 - 100-128816, NATIONAL GROUP COMMISSIONS)

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[redacted] furnished the following:

"Buffalo, New York
February 2, 1966

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"At 11:30 p.m., on January 27, 1966, [redacted]
[redacted] left Buffalo, New York, by bus.
They arrived in New York City at 9:05 a.m. They went to
the Hotel Woodstock, 127 West 43rd Street, where they
registered.

"Next they went to the Jefferson Book Shop in
Union Square at approximately 13th Street. They met a Party
member named [redacted] a white man in his middle 50's,
approximately 5'6" to 5'7", 150 to 160 pounds, who runs
the store. They tried to get in touch with some people
in order to get reimbursed for their expenses. They were
told at the book store that everybody was preparing for the
big New York District Communist Party Committee meeting
and, therefore, were not available. They called [redacted]
[redacted] who told them to call Jim Tormey at home. Jim

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"agreed to see [redacted] at 1:00 p.m. At 12:30 p.m. they went to see Jim Tormey who lives in an apartment building on 14th Street, Manhattan. He said that he has recuperated from his operation, but he's supposed to take it easy. [redacted] claimed that the Party is beginning to move up in Buffalo, that the situation is improving there. He claimed that the comrades are going out into plants with the paper. There was a general Party discussion about methods of work. [redacted] said that he wanted to talk to somebody before the meeting to take care of the finances. In other words, mainly to be reimbursed for the money he spent for the bus tickets. Jim Tormey said that everybody is getting ready for the meeting, and he didn't know who would be available. Jim pointed out that the State staff was very short; but now that Gil Green is in charge, they have more help. Jim Tormey pointed out that [redacted] is very busy. Jim said that for security reasons he does not allow any Party meetings to be held at his house. During the conversation, there was little mention of the Communist Party as such or the fact that a certain individual was a Party member. In referring to Rochester, New York, Jim Tormey commented that [redacted] was active.

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"At 8:30 p.m., January 28, 1966, the Buffalo delegates signed in at the State Committee meeting held at the Hotel Woodstock. They were registered by [redacted] whom [redacted] said was the Organizational Secretary of the New York State Party. [redacted] signed in as 'Trade Union and Community Organization.' [redacted] the Organizational Secretary, when he registered [redacted] put down the name [redacted] This is the name by which [redacted] is commonly known in State Communist Party circles.

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"That evening's session was held in the Hudson Room of the Hotel Woodstock. There were approximately 50 people there, practically all of whom were from the New York City area. Besides the Buffalo delegates, there was a white man from Albany. Before the meeting got underway, Gil Green, the new New York District Communist Party Organizer, informed the Buffalo delegates that he planned to come to Buffalo on Party business on March 19 and 20, 1966. Jim Tormey was there when the meeting got underway, but Betty Gannett was not present. It is noted that Jim Tormey remarked that this was the first Party meeting attended by him since his operation.

"The formal meeting was opened by [] the Organizational Secretary. It was chaired by [] a young white man, 5'8", 145 to 150 pounds, dark hair, wore glasses. He introduced Gil Green who delivered the main report. This report included the following points:

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"During the past year the Communist Party in the United States, especially in the New York District, has made gains. The Party has been successful in helping to build opposition to the United States war in Viet Nam. The Party must continue to put pressure on elected officials to try to keep the United States Government from bombing North Viet Nam. The Party has supported Marches on Washington and has participated in them. As a matter of fact, Bob Thompson led a march in New York City, believed to have been held in October, 1965.

"Party members, according to Gil Green, must cease being invisible and must stop denying that they are Communists. There was a time when the passage of the McCarran Act made it necessary for many Party people to hide themselves and to hide their connections with the Party. The situation now is different and there is no reason why Party people cannot publicly fight for the Party. The Party will wholeheartedly enter the 1966 elections. Herbert Aptheker will run in one of the New York Congressional Districts as a Communist Party member. In the Johnson-Goldwater Presidential campaign, the Party had to support Johnson; but it is now solidly against Johnson who represents monopoly imperialists.

"At one time the old party and the new form were separated. Now these two groups have found unity. They work together on campuses, in the community, and in the shops. The masses are ready to be led by the Party.

"The civil rights movement, according to Gil Green, has taken a new form because there has arisen a new Negro. He embodies the Negro people's movement which fights not only for civil rights and freedom, but also has taken a stand against the war in Viet Nam. An example of this is Julian Bond, a newly elected member of the Georgia legislature who was refused a seat in the legislature because he was outspoken in his opposition to United States involvement in the Viet Nam war. Gil Green was certain that Dr. Martin Luther King is against

"the war in Viet Nam. Green saw the Party as becoming stronger and he urged all Party members to participate in the process of helping the Party to become stronger.

"Green called upon his listeners to support 'The Worker,' which must have new subscriptions. Each club will be responsible for attaining a certain quota of subscriptions. A draft resolution on the new program for the Communist Party is being prepared and will be sent out. (A copy of Gil Green's report will be later furnished the Erie County Communist Party).

"Each delegate to the meeting was furnished an envelope containing memoranda which was described by [redacted] the Organizational Secretary, as 'homework.' The envelope, or kit as it was called, had four major items, each of which was called 'Draft Memorandum - For 1/28-29/66 Discussion.' One of these draft memoranda has the caption 'PROPOSED PLAN FOR PARTY PROGRAM.' Another had the caption 'POLITICAL ACTION'; the third, 'PROPOSALS AND PLANS FOR PRESS FUND AND CIRCULATION DRIVE,' and the fourth, 'PROPOSALS AND PERSPECTIVES ON YOUTH WORK IN THE NEW YORK DISTRICT.'

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"After Gil Green delivered his report, [redacted] the Organizational Secretary, announced that there would be a party for Gil Green in a back room where drinks were furnished.

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"When the New York District Committee meeting resumed at 9:00 a.m. on January 29, 1966, at the same hotel, there were 75 to 80 persons present. They met this time in the Century Room. Approximately 25 of those there were young people. They divided the groups into the following workshops: Electoral and Peace, The Party and The Paper, and, thirdly, Youth.

"There were 25 people in the Electoral and Peace Workshop. The panel was chaired by another man named [redacted] who is on the staff of 'The Worker.' [redacted] told about the election of Lindsay to the position of Mayor of New York City. He said that the Party could have supported certain candidates in the election like Ryan because he was against United States involvement in Viet Nam. He told about the new form the Party is working with other forces. A man named Sy stressed the need for the

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"Party to support Negro candidates at every level. The Party must help to get more Negroes elected to office. The Party must lend its support to the cause of Julian Bond.

"[] from Buffalo, talked about accomplishments of certain Party members there who worked in the mainstream of the masses and who helped the election of Negroes to city political offices. The man from Albany said that the Liberal Party there is almost like a new left. He said that the Party in Albany has some strength and has many subscribers to 'The Worker.' The others in this panel talked about their assignments regarding electoral matters and how they made out. [] summed it up by saying that all of them have been working in the same direction. He would like to see this effort coordinated. He would like to have another meeting for further discussion. [] is white, in his late 40's, about 5'8", 160 to 170 pounds. .

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"After the workshops were held, the members re-convened to one large assembly where the reports from the various workshops were heard.

"First [] gave a report from the Electoral Workshop. [] said that the Party should give more support to Negro and progressive candidates. He said that the Party must work against the current Administration's policy regarding Viet Nam and put pressure on elected officials to reverse United States policy in Viet Nam.

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"[] gave the report on Peace. He is about 50, 5'8", 150 pounds, thin faced. They must consider what forms are most effective to force President Johnson to cease bombing North Viet Nam. Party members must make a positive stand about this and stop acting in a weak and spineless fashion. The Party must support Julian Bond who will speak in Harlem and in Albany, New York.

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"The report from the workshop on the Party and the Press was delivered by [] the Organizational Secretary. He emphasized the need for complete discussion regarding the Communist Party program. This will be printed and distributed to all clubs which must, in turn, enter into full discussion, study, and debate. Resolutions and amendments will be submitted to the State and National Convention in June of 1966. Such discussions will aid in the evaluation of the educational work of each club. Party friends and sympathizers may be invited to these

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"special discussions, which could lead to the re-establishment of the idea of 'open Party meetings.' This, in turn, could lead to recruitment, especially among trade unionists, students, Negroes, and Puerto Ricans. The paper will have a concentrated subscription drive and a fund drive. In the New York Communist Party District, 'The Worker' Fund Drive has a goal of \$45,000.00 and 1,150 new subscribers for 1966. In the very near future, one page of 'The Worker' will be printed in Spanish.

"The workshop on Youth revealed a positive emphasis on working with and among young people in order to try to recruit them into the Party and also to condition their minds toward the Left. [] gave this report. He emphasized the potential offered to the Party by reason of the present situation on the campuses. The older people in the Party must give an all-out effort toward making the Party attractive to the youth. This is a very unusual time in the history of the country because the youth have militantly identified themselves with all of the problems in this country, both domestic and foreign. There will be a positive recruitment drive among the youth and a definite quota will be set for this Party District.

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"Next Gil Green gave the concluding speech at this meeting of the New York District Communist Party Committee. He said that he was going to insure that the work of the Party is properly done in the New York District. This District must contribute all that it can toward moving the United States toward Socialism. He commented that Betty Gannett was unable to be present at this meeting because of her double assignment. He explained that she is working on the new draft program.

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"[] wrote on the back of a card his telephone number and a place where he could be contacted as follows:

"Council for Jobs and Freedom
357 Lenox Avenue
Telephone 864-8373"

BU 100-4379

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN
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On March 1, 1966, a confidential source advised that STANLEY LEVISON discussed with [redacted] of the Finance Office, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) the importance of the New York City Office of SCLC receiving copies of receipts pertaining to financial contributions received by SCLC in Atlanta as a result of the solicitation program conducted via mail by the New York City Office of SCLC.

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LEVISON stressed that in order for him to effectively supervise the mailing of reminders to contributors who have not recently donated to SCLC, it was necessary to have available on an up-to-date basis the receipts to which he referred. LEVISON pointed out it would be extremely embarrassing for the New York City Office of SCLC to send such a reminder to people who have recently contributed.

[redacted] explained to LEVISON that a suggestion had been made in the recent past to increase the staff of the SCLC Finance Office in order that some of the operations of this office could be handled more promptly. However, he said no action had been taken in regard to this suggestion and he was aware that Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., President, SCLC, was not anxious to add additional employees to its headquarters staff.

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STANLEY LEVISON

A confidential source advised in April, 1964, that STANLEY LEVISON was a secret member of the Communist Party (CP), USA, in July, 1963. In late 1963, and early 1964, he criticized the CP for not being sufficiently militant in the civil rights struggle. LEVISON was described by certain CP leaders as being to the "left" of the CP in his position in civil rights. LEVISON's differences with the CP, however, are merely tactical and he continues his ideological adherence to Communism.

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SA THOMAS J. DEVINE (#42)

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NY 2353-S*, on 2/24/66, advised that [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that he would attempt to sell "The Worker" at the Harlem Peace Council rally, 2/27/66. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] had directed [REDACTED] to contact [REDACTED] to obtain more help.

NY 2353-S*, on 2/24/66, advised that [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that he would meet him at 135th Street and help him pass out leaflets (leaflets not identified).

1 - 97-169 ("The Worker")
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At CP Headquarters with JACK KLING,

[REDACTED] and CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, 2/14/66

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Chicago, Illinois
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It was learned that during the morning of February 14, 1966 [] who is in charge of industrial work in the Illinois CP District as well as a member of the State Board, Illinois CP, visited the CP headquarters in Chicago, Illinois.

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While visiting there [] a leader of the Illinois CP, pointed out to [] that members of the State Board had a good meeting on February 13, 1966 with GUS HALL and that all those present had missed [] presence. [] explained that there had been a mixup between him and JACK KLING as to where the meeting on Sunday was to be held.

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Concerning the meeting with HALL, [] stated that the State Board has planned that we mobilize our industrial work and fit that work into the Chicago Freedom Movement.

[] asked [] to arrange for a meeting on February 25, 1966 with all of our industrial workers where such a program can be explained to them. In regard to the meeting on February 25, 1966 [] stated that he plans to see [] at the Packinghouse Workers Center as soon as possible and see if [] can get Packings endorsement

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for organizing tenant locals in connection with the Freedom Movement; get petitions to create rent control in Chicago; and freeze taxes for the small home owners.

[] felt that UAW may also go along with such a program and he felt that if Packing and UAW can furnish some organization for the tenant locals and encourage volunteer workers, it could then make a tremendous impact on the Freedom Movement. [] stated that recently Steel had a conference and proposed a graduating income tax plan, which plan is similar to the Party's proposals which would eliminate sales tax and oppose the forthcoming Revenue Article that has been proposed by the Illinois State legislature. [] said that if the big unions would get behind these proposals, then we could possibly organize as many as 25 tenant councils in the Chicago area. This would be a major contribution in which our people could participate.

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JACK KLING then came in to CP headquarters and [] and JACK KLING were then observed to be in conversation. During this conversation KLING discussed the State Board meeting held with GUS HALL on February 13, 1966.

KLING apologized for the mixup which occurred concerning the fact that [] did not get to the meeting. It had been pointed out at the previous Board meeting that the meeting with HALL would probably be held at 306 East 43rd Street, where the AAHA are headquartered. It was further brought out that [] had received word from KLING Saturday evening that the Board meeting would not be held at 306 East 43rd Street and that KLING would call [] later and advise him of the meeting place. KLING apologized for not contacting [] and stated that he now wanted to take the opportunity to tell [] of the meeting.

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KLING stated that present at the Board meeting yesterday were: GUS HALL, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, LOU DISKIN, [] EARL DURHAM, [] and JACK KLING.

KLING brought out that there is a possibility that EARL DURHAM will be invited to play a full-time role in the Chicago area Freedom Movement. KLING said that that will be a tremendous thing and at this time EARL is thinking this over. KLING stated that in the meantime we should

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develop the Du Bois Club on the West Side and build a program with [] by assigning four or five people to work there. [] wants [] to talk with [] and that the two should then meet with [] to work out something. KLING stated that [] is working with CHUCK in organizing the tenants.

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From remarks made by KLING, indications are that the West Side SCLC headquarters are located in the church of which [] is a member.

KLING brought out that [] has a number of young people coming in on Sundays who attend forums and in that case we should establish a library for these people in connection with the Negro movement. [] stated that we have [] near the West Side Center who can possibly work among people there.

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At about this time CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT came to CP headquarters and discussion was held first among LIGHTFOOT,

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LIGHTFOOT stated that we must be responsible for financing the West Side Center or else give it up.

From remarks made it appears that the Party is trying to create a beehive of activity on the West Side around the civil rights movement.

LIGHTFOOT stated that he and HENRY WINSTON had recently met with certain NALC people in New York City and discussed the possibility that the NALC on the East Coast can possibly play a role in the civil rights movement up and down the Atlantic seaboard. In this connection LIGHTFOOT said that he is giving consideration that the CP work through the NALC be injecting Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING's civil rights program which KING has mounted in Chicago along with the Party's civil rights program into the National NALC Convention scheduled for sometime in May, 1966 in Baltimore, Maryland. In this connection LIGHTFOOT stated that he wants [] to go to New York City and there explain to our people in the NALC the civil rights program of KING which KING currently is undertaking in the Chicago area. In this connection LIGHTFOOT stated that [] should attempt to set up caucus of our people in the NALC and that this caucus group could propose to the NALC convention a civil rights program for the Atlantic

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Coast cities based on the programs of KING and the CP in the civil rights movement. LIGHTFOOT mentioned such cities as New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore as target cities. LIGHTFOOT mentioned no specific date with respect to a meeting at New York City, however, it is presumed that such a meeting, according to LIGHTFOOT's remarks could possibly materialize within the next three or four weeks. LIGHTFOOT indicated that he and HENRY WINSTON would also be in attendance.

[] agreed that the above suggestions by LIGHTFOOT be carried out.

LIGHTFOOT stated that [] is doing publicity work for CCCO in Chicago. In this connection he described [] as a Trotskyite and socialist.

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At this time CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT and [] were observed to have private discussion in LIGHTFOOT's office. During this discussion the two discussed tentative plans of [] retiring from his present employment during 1967 and of [] then being in a position to devote more time to the CP with the possibility of even working full time for the Illinois CP District.

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LIGHTFOOT was highly elated ~~over~~ this possibility and at the same time offered the top leadership of the Illinois CP to [REDACTED] LIGHTFOOT stated that he wished [REDACTED] were retiring today since at this time the Illinois CP "needs a Negro in the top leadership here in Chicago." LIGHTFOOT qualified this remark by stating that the Illinois CP District "can't have all whites" (specifically referring to JACK KLING and [REDACTED] running the District while I'm gone." LIGHTFOOT indicated that the Illinois CP leadership has been extremely pleased with [REDACTED] work in the District and that he (LIGHTFOOT) personally felt that [REDACTED] is one of the logical individuals to assume the leadership of the CP of Illinois.

In connection with these remarks [REDACTED] was overheard telling LIGHTFOOT that he is not in a position to commit himself one way or the other until such time that his retirement plans are finalized.

In connection with offering top leadership to [REDACTED] LIGHTFOOT stated that the Party can give WRIGHT "some money, but not a lot."

Concerning [REDACTED] possibility of making a trip to the Soviet Union as a delegate of the CP,

LIGHTFOOT agreed with [] that since [] is planning to retire sometime in 1967 that would be the most convenient and practical time for [] to make such a trip.

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A source advised on March 2, 1966, that at a meeting of the Miami Communist Party (CP) City Committee held on February 25, 1966, a letter was read from HENRY WINSTON which concerned the Negro question. WINSTON is a member of the CP, USA, National Committee, and on the CP, USA, National Negro Commission, and a spokesman for the Party on Negro matters.

The letter from WINSTON resulted from a request for advice by the Miami CP, which was having a serious dispute over whether the Miami Party should have supported [redacted] a Negro businesswoman who was seeking election to the Miami, Florida, City Commission, in December, 1965. Mrs. RANGE was alleged to be a rich banker and owner of several other businesses, and was not considered a "progressive." The dispute arose over whether [redacted] should have been supported just because she was a Negro. The majority of the Miami City Committee members felt that a proper Party understanding of the Negro in today's movements and the correct Marxist position would show that [redacted] should have received their support.

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In his letter, WINSTON stated that the proper Party position would have been unequivocal support of [redacted]. He said the position of the minority of Miami CP members showed a lack of understanding of the importance of this problem, underestimated the readiness of the masses to support the candidacy of a Negro woman, and indicated a failure to understand the national character of the Negro question.

According to WINSTON, the direction with which the civil rights movement today and the democratic movement

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as a whole, should be concerned, is the struggle for political power. He said that recently, a whole series of conferences dealing with this subject have taken place throughout the United States. He said the Negro people feel that in the fight for full equality, the struggle for political power is one of their more important weapons, and that Communists in the United States are in accord with this decision. In fact, one of the three primary slogans of the CP, USA, is the struggle for first-class citizenship. He said the fight for political power will become more and more important in the fight to bring about political equality for the Negro people.

In describing the problem in this regard, WINSTON said that until several weeks ago, there was not a Negro in the Cabinet, no Negroes on the Supreme Court of the United States, no Negroes in the Senate, and only six Negroes in the House of Representatives. There are no Negro governors or lieutenant-governors, and only one Negro Attorney-General. There is only a token number of Negroes in state legislatures. Throughout the United States, there are only two Negro mayors, at Springfield, Ohio, and Mount Bayou, Mississippi. The number of Negro councilmen throughout the United States does not correspond at all to an extent which would give equal representation.

According to WINSTON, there exists a tremendous problem in terms of elective and appointive office, and this situation is a real indictment of United States capitalism.

This struggle develops in numerous ways and forms. A position taken by some, an anti-white position, is that Harlem should become a self-contained unit, and all white people would be removed, and political power

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placed only in the hands of Negroes. He said this is an unsound way to approach the correct struggle for power, and that the fight for political power must be based on unity of Negro and white people on the basis of advancing that struggle to the point where the struggle against inequality can develop on all fronts.

In this regard, WINSTON said that in Mississippi, the Freedom Democratic Party, with a membership of about 25,000, and existing within forty of the eighty-two counties of that state, is fighting for official recognition as the dominant party in that state. This is a new development which grew out of a specific situation in Mississippi, and is the form in which the struggle for political power, when properly understood, is being developed in that state.

WINSTON said that the essence of this struggle is for representative government, and this means the election of Negroes to political office in which an appeal is made to all those who believe in a democratic government. This means that in areas where is a Negro minority, the right to be elected to office; in areas where there is a Negro majority, the right to share the leadership with the white people; and in some other cases, the election of a majority of Negroes representing all people.

In this fight, it will be necessary to include the organizations of voters' leagues, democratic parties, improvement associations, and numerous other forms.

WINSTON concluded by stating that it is a measure of the thinking and understanding of all Progressives as to how to defend the best national interests of the United States, the individual states, and the counties and cities.

This letter was well received by the members of the Miami City Committee, with the major exception of [redacted] of the Miami CP. He.

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said he still disagreed with this position as taken by WINSTON, and that the National Office does not understand mass work and particularly, Party work in the South, which is different than anywhere else in the United States. The WINSTON letter will be the subject of further discussions in each of the CP Clubs in Miami.

There was some talk among those CP members who were in complete agreement with WINSTON that in view of the anti-Party attitude of [redacted] on the Negro question, an attempt will be made to ease him out as Chairman of the Miami CP.

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Miami, Florida

MM 100-15058

MAR 9 1966

Title	COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
Character	INTERNAL SECURITY - C
Reference	Memorandum dated and captioned as above, at Miami, Florida.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Date: MAR 9 1966

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442529)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (100-15058) (P*)

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
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Re New York LHM (emanating from Miami) dated
2/3/66, captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 6 copies, and for
New York, 4 copies of LHM concerning a letter from
HENRY WINSTON to the Miami CP on the Negro question.

The source utilized is [REDACTED]

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LHM has been classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~, as it
contains information from [REDACTED] the unauthorized
disclosure of which would seriously impair the investi-
gation of the CP, USA, and such impairment could have an
adverse effect upon the national defense interests of the U.S.

- 4 - Bureau (Enc. 6) (RM)
 - (1 - 100-3-69) (CP, USA, ORGANIZATION)
- 4 - New York (Enc. 4) (RM)
 - (1 - 100-153735) (CRM)
 - (1 - 100-80641) (CP, USA, ORGANIZATION)
 - (1 - 100-131666) (CP, USA, SOUTHERN REGION)
 - (1 - 100-269) (HENRY WINSTON)
- 3 - Miami (100-15058)
 - (1 - 100-800) (CP, USA)
 - (1 - [REDACTED])

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC. (100-153735)

FROM : SA JOHN C. SEATON (#42)

SUBJECT: CIRM

DATE: 3/16/66

Rerep of SA JOHN SEATON, dated 1/31/66, at NYC.

The next quarterly report on Communist Influence in Racial Matters is due 5/1/66. The following case files should be reviewed in order to determine if there is pertinent information to be reported in this report:

Cominfil CORE
" NAACP
" NALC
" SCLC
" SNCC
Progressive Labor Party
Socialist Workers Party
Workers World Party

If there is information to be reported in this matter, inserts for the report should be prepared by the agents to whom these cases are assigned and forwarded to the Supervisor #42 no later than April 15, 1966.

1-100-79303 (Cominfil CORE)(41)
1-100-7629 (Cominfil NAACP)(41)
1-100-139834 (Cominfil NALC)(41)
1-100-149194 (Cominfil SCLC)(41)
1-100-147963 (Cominfil SNCC)(41)
1-100-147372 (PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY)(44)
1-100-4013 (SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY)(44)
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In regard to characterizations of individuals mentioned in the inserts, do not characterize anyone in the body of the insert, but prepare a rough draft characterization for inclusion in the Appendix Section of the report. No one will be characterized in the body of the report, but instead, all individuals who can be characterized will be characterized in the Appendix. If an organization has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450, it should be characterized in the body of the report and all other organizations will be included in the Appendix Section.

The insert should be dictated and the stenographer instructed to type it on a stencil.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, New York (100-80641)

FROM : SAC, Miami (100-800) (P)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA,
ORGANIZATION:
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DATE: 3/16/66

On March 2, 1966, [] made available the following material received from CP, USA, National Headquarters, New York City. It is being assumed New York is already in receipt of this material, and no copies are being submitted with this letter:

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- 1 - A Xerox copy of a three-page letter dated February 10, 1966, to the Florida CP concerning the policy of the CP, USA, in support of Negro candidates to political office.

Informant is keeping the original of this letter (This info submitted New York in Miami LHM dated February 9 1966, under CIRM caption)

- 2 - One page form memo dated February 8, 1966, addressed to "Dear Subscriber," from JOSEPH BRANDT, Manager, "The Worker," concerning articles in past issues of this newspaper and requesting subscriber to renew his subscription.

- 8 - New York (100-80641) (RM)
 - (1 - 100-131666) (CP, USA, SOUTHERN REGION)
 - (1 - 100-153735) (CIRM)
 - (1 - 100-15828) (JOSEPH BRANDT)
 - (1 - 97-169) (Publishers New Press)
 - (1 - 100-) (Political Affairs)
 - (1 - 100-81675) (CP, USA, Pamphlets and Publications)
 - (1 - 100-) (HALL-DAVIS Defense Committee)
- 2 - Miami (100-800)

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- 3 - Press release dated February 9, 1966, from the office of GUS HALL-BENJAMIN J. DAVIS Defense Committee, 22 E. 17th Street, New York City, Room 1225, concerning the Appeal Brief against conviction of the CP, USA, filed February 8, 1966, and the Defense Committee calls for public protest and financial support.
- 4 - One page form memorandum addressed to all Districts from National Organization Department concerning the release to the public of the New Draft Program on February 23, 1966.
- 5 - Two-page green printed memorandum dated February 14, 1966, addressed to all Districts, Clubs, and members of the CP, USA, from the CP, USA, headquarters concerning "A Call to Convention" on June 22-26, 1966, New York City, and it sets out policy criticism of the JOHNSON administration domestic and particularly foreign policy in Viet Nam.
- 6 - A five-page green covered memorandum dated February 15, 1966, to all Districts, from National Organization Department on Discussion, Study, and Distribution of the New Program of the Communist Party, USA (A Draft).
- 7 - A one-page printed memorandum dated February 18, 1966, addressed to "Dear Comrades," from the National Organization Department, which enclosed an advance copy of the new Draft Program and requested comments from members and from Non-Communists. The memo also asked for discussion articles to be published in "The Worker" and "Political Affairs," which were to be limited to 1,000 and 1,600 to 1,800 words, respectively.

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March 17, 1966

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VISIT OF HENRY WINSTON, WILLIAM PATTERSON
AND CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT TO CLEVELAND IN EFFORT
TO INFLUENCE THE NEGRO PEOPLE - MARCH, 1966

CV T-1 advised on February 23, 1966, that WILLIAM PATTERSON will be in Cleveland, Ohio, March 5th through March 11th, 1966. The purpose of his coming to Cleveland is to renew old acquaintances.

WILLIAM PATTERSON - CV T-2 advised on July 13, 1964, that WILLIAM PATTERSON is Chairman of the New York District Communist Party (CP).

CV T-1 advised on February 17, 1966, that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT and HENRY WINSTON will be in Cleveland on March 11, 12 and 13, 1966, with LIGHTFOOT being scheduled to speak on March 11, 1966. Efforts are being made to have LIGHTFOOT speak in a Negro church, as it is felt that he can give a very interesting talk on conditions in Africa, India and the Soviet Union. A special effort is to be made to get Negro people to attend.

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT - CV T-3 advised on February 15, 1965, that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT is Vice Chairman and a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA, and Chairman of the Illinois District CP.

HENRY WINSTON - CV T-5 advised on August 12-13, 1961, that at a meeting of the National Committee of the CP, USA, held August 12-13, 1961, HENRY WINSTON was elected a member of the National Committee, a member of the National Executive Committee, and Vice Chairman of the CP, USA.

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CV T-1 advised on March 10, 1966, that a social gathering was held for WILLIAM PATTERSON on March 9, 1966, at the home of [redacted]. At this gathering PATTERSON stated that he was in Cleveland to renew old acquaintances, and to make new acquaintances. He stated that he had already seen [redacted] of Saint Timothy's Missionary Baptist Church, on two occasions, twenty persons being present on the first occasion and forty persons present on the second occasion. He advised that he would like to meet once more with [redacted] with [redacted] being present. Both [redacted] requested that an effort be made to also arrange an appointment for [redacted] and PATTERSON to meet with [redacted] for as [redacted] said, "I understand that [redacted] knows of and understands more about poverty in Cleveland than anyone else, especially in the Hough area (Negro area in Cleveland)." PATTERSON at this point commented on the wonderful job MARTIN LUTHER KING did in the Chicago slums, and stated that the Communist Party is doing all it can in the Negro struggle for civil rights. At this social gathering on March 9, 1966, PATTERSON and several others took steps in an attempt to influence one of the Negroes present to join the CP.

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[redacted] - CV T-5 advised on February 10, 1966, that [redacted] was present at a meeting of the Ohio CP State Committee, held in Cleveland, Ohio, on February 6, 1966.

[redacted] - CV T-5 advised on February 10, 1966, that [redacted] of the Ohio CP.

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[redacted] a former member of the CP who testified on behalf of the U.S. Government, advised on June 30, 1946, that [redacted] name appeared at that time among the records of the Cuyahoga County CP Membership Director as being a member of the CP Euclid Club, with CP Book Number 88987.

CV T-1 advised on October 31, 1963, that on October 27, 1963, the first of a series of six Sunday night lectures, conducted by [redacted] and sponsored by the Socialist Workers Party (SWP), was held at SWP Hall in Cleveland, Ohio.

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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RE: VISIT OF HENRY WINSTON, WILLIAM PATTERSON
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CV T-6 advised on March 11, 1966; that on that date WILLIAM PATTERSON commented that during his visit to Cleveland he had met with both [] both Negroes. [] of the weekly Cleveland Negro newspaper, "The Call-Post," and is also a member of the Industrial Relations Board of the State of Ohio. [] is a member of the Cleveland City Transit Board.) PATTERSON stated that he felt that [] had a sympathetic ear for the Negroes in the civil rights movement. Concerning his interview with [] PATTERSON indicated that [] was friendly, but PATTERSON did not give any indication that his talk with [] had been productive, from PATTERSON's point of view. PATTERSON also stated that he had talked with [] of Cleveland Committee on Racial Equality. He stated that [] was disillusioned with both the communist movement and with the labor movement. She felt that all the 'radical movement' does is talk, and she was not sympathetic to it.

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CV T-6 stated that the reason for PATTERSON's visit to Cleveland is to try and get more Negro participation in the communist movement.

Sergeant [] of the Cleveland Police Department, advised that he had learned from one of his sources that PATTERSON had been to visit [] PATTERSON told this source that [] felt the communist movement was only trying to use the Negroes and that she was not at all sympathetic to him or his views.

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CV T-1 advised on March 4, 1966, that a meeting was held in Cleveland on March 3, 1966, presided over by local CP leaders, for the purpose of preparing for CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT's speaking engagement in Cleveland on March 11, 1966. A mailing of 140 pieces of literature, announcing this March 11, 1966 meeting was made and an additional 60 pieces of literature are to be mailed later. This mailing included a notice stating in part that 'CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, from Chicago, will lecture on AFRICA-ASIA AND THE FREEDOM MOVEMENT IN THE USA.---His topic is closely tied to the growing peace movement in our country and most directly towards ending the war in Viet Nam. His lecture will be of great interest to the progressive people in our community.'

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CV T-1 advised on March 15, 1966, that in addition to the mailing of these notices, throwaways were also prepared announcing this LIGHTFOOT lecture. These throwaways were distributed in barber shops, cleaning establishments, etc., in the Negro areas of Cleveland.

CV T-1 advised on March 14, 1966, that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT did speak at Cory Methodist Church, Cleveland, on March 11, 1966, in a room that would accommodate approximately 100 people. There were 35 to 40 persons present, with [REDACTED] CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, HENRY WINSTON and WILLIAM PATTERSON being on the speakers platform. LIGHTFOOT was the only speaker and he discussed his travels in Africa, Asia, India and the Soviet Union. LIGHTFOOT denounced U.S. foreign policy, especially as it pertains to Africa and Asia; he commented on some of the beautiful hotels in India, where he stayed, and then denounced capitalism as being responsible for the poor, hungry and ill clothed who slept in the streets outside these hotels; he praised communism for the good things in Africa and India; he stated that the United States should let the people in Africa and in Asia decide for themselves whether communism or capitalism is best for them; and he stated that unless the United States changes its foreign policy, it will, in a decade or two, be reduced to a fourth or fifth rate power.

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[REDACTED] CV T-5 advised on February 10, 1966, that [REDACTED] was present at an Ohio CP State Committee meeting held at Cleveland, Ohio, on February 6, 1966.

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CV T-1 noted that [REDACTED] and a number of others had spend considerable time and effort in planning this LIGHTFOOT meeting, the main purpose of which was to influence the Negro people, but that of the estimated 35 to 40 persons present, not more than 6 or 7 were Negroes, exclusive of the four Negroes on the speaking platform. CV T-1 stated that this was the only public meeting at which LIGHTFOOT, PATTERSON and WINSTON appeared, and neither PATTERSON nor WINSTON spoke.

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CV T-6 advised on March 11, 1966, that LIGHTFOOT's talk was really a travelogue of his experiences in Africa and India and he made no bones about being a communist and being a spokesman for the Communist Party. CV T-6 pointed out that despite weeks of preparation, only 35 persons were present at this meeting, two thirds of whom were white. CV T-6 stated that most of those present were the same old party people who have attended CP functions for years, and if these old timers were excluded, there would not have been more than 10 persons present, including 3 Trotskyites.

CV T-6 stated on March 14, 1966, that he had learned from [] that HENRY WINSTON had come to Cleveland for the purpose of contacting the news media, but that an interview with "The Call-Post" was all he accomplished. Source stated that [] was very disappointed in the turnout for the LIGHTFOOT meeting, and commented that it showed a lack of concerted effort and poor planning. He was also disappointed in the small turnout of Negroes, which was the principal purpose of the visit of LIGHTFOOT, WINSTON and PATTERSON to Cleveland.

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[] - CV T-6 advised on March 11, 1966, that [] was Chairman of the Ohio CP for many years, prior to [] coming to Cleveland in March, 1965.

Sergeant [] advised on March 14, 1966, that he learned from his source that HENRY WINSTON, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT and WILLIAM PATTERSON attended an Ohio CP Board meeting held in Cleveland on Sunday, March 13, 1966. At this meeting there was discussion of the Negro in the trade union movement. There was sharp disagreement among those present, [] feeling that there should be more Negro representation among the leadership in unions, and one of the Board members being strictly for the best interest of the unions, and expressing the opinion that the Negroes had not progressed in unions because they do not do their part in union work.

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Cleveland, Ohio

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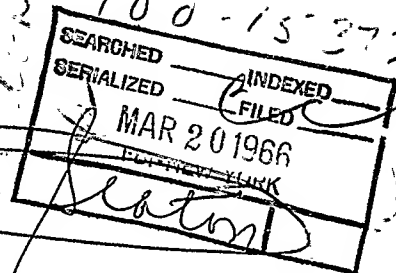
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FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (100-27056)
RE: COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
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Re CV letter to Bureau, 3-1-66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine (9) copies of a letterhead memorandum captioned VISIT OF HENRY WINSTON, WILLIAM PATTERSON AND CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT TO CLEVELAND IN EFFORT TO INFLUENCE THE NEGRO PEOPLE - MARCH, 1966.

- 4 - Bureau (Enc. 9) (RM)
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 - (1 - 100- CIRM)
- ③ - New York (Enc. 3) (RM)
 - (1 - 100-84257 - WILLIAM PATTERSON)
 - (1 - 100-269 - HENRY WINSTON)
 - (1 - 100-153735 - CIRM)
- 6 - Cleveland
 - (1 - 100-27056 - CIRM)
 - (1 - 100-18830 - RUC - CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
 - (1 - 100-22383 - RUC - WILLIAM PATTERSON)
 - (1 - 100-5670 - RUC - HENRY WINSTON)
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T-symbols used in this LHM are identified as follows:

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CV T-5 is

CV T-6 is

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Copies of informant reports, setting forth in detail the activities of LIGHTFOOT, WINSTON and PATTERSON while in Cleveland, are being designated for Chicago and New York.

The enclosed letterhead memorandum is classified confidential because it contains information from CV T-1 through CV T-6 which could result in their identification. They are informants of continuing value and this could compromise their future effectiveness.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

M E M O R A N D U M

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-) DATE: 3-17-66
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-)
SUBJECT: ARNOLD JOHNSON
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ISA OF 1950

Re New York radiogram dated 3/11/66 and Chicago teletype dated 3/12/66.

EXTREME CAUTION MUST BE UTILIZED IN CONNECTION WITH ANY HANDLING OR REPORTING OF THE INFORMATION SET FORTH HEREIN IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THIS HIGHLY PLACED SOURCE. SINCE THE INFORMATION BY ITS VERY NATURE TENDS TO IDENTIFY THIS SOURCE, IT SHOULD BE COMPLETELY PARAPHRASED IF FOUND NECESSARY TO BE SET FORTH IN ANY REPORT FOR DISSEMINATION.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are two copies of an informant's statement dated March 12 and 13, 1966, containing information orally furnished on March 12 and 13, 1966, by CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, to SA RICHARD W. HANSEN. This information was reduced to writing on March 15, 1966, and the original report is maintained in Chicago file A)134-46-9621.

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(MORRIS CHILDS)

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(JACK KLING)

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March 12 and 13, 1966

ARNOLD JOHNSON, a representative of the National Office, Communist Party (CP), USA, arrived at Union Station, Chicago, Illinois, by train from New York City at approximately 9:00 PM, Friday, March 11, 1966. From this location, he proceeded by bus and subway train to the Rogers Park area of Chicago, where at approximately 10:00 PM he registered in at the Rogers Park Hotel, 6807 North Sheridan Road, Chicago. Reservations had been previously made at this hotel for JOHNSON by either JACK KLING or [] functionaries, CP of Illinois.

On Saturday, March 12, 1966, JOHNSON was in contact with both [] and KLING. During his contact with these individuals, JOHNSON participated in discussion concerning the latter's plans to attend the Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING "Freedom Festival" rally scheduled for 8:30 PM that date at the Chicago International Amphitheater. In addition, [] and JOHNSON held joint discussions centering over peace activities in Chicago and particularly on a split which is reportedly developing in the Chicago SANE organization as a result of activities of one []

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On Sunday, March 13, 1966, it was learned that both JOHNSON and [] had attended the "Freedom Festival" on the preceding evening and that both had gained admission to this rally by utilizing press cards issued by "The Worker." Both of these individuals were of the opinion that the rally had been a tremendous success, citing the fact that reportedly over 8,000 people had been refused admission for lack of space. As far as the CP was concerned, they felt the meeting from their point of view had been successful because the Party had 20 individuals outside the Amphitheater selling "Workers" and distributing flyers. All together, they claimed over 750 copies of "The Worker" had been sold and 250 flyers distributed.

After having checked out of the Rogers Park Hotel during the late AM of March 13, 1966, JOHNSON went to the

residence of JACK KLING, where he held discussions with that individual, as well as [redacted] During discussions with [redacted] JOHNSON was briefed additionally on the peace movement and on the alleged split in the Chicago SANE Chapter. At this time it was learned that [redacted] had apparently introduced some resolution at a SANE Chapter meeting calling for the removal of the Du Bois Club, as well as other left forces, from the SANE peace movement. [redacted] who [redacted] alleges is working for President JOHNSON's administration, is not receiving any substantial support, but his resolution has caused some problems.

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Shortly after 5:00 PM, March 13, 1966, JOHNSON left the KLING residence and proceeded to O'Hare International Airport, Chicago, where he was to pick up reservations to return to New York City at 7:00 PM on American Airlines Flight 66. At O'Hare International Airport, JOHNSON was in contact with MORRIS CHILDS and [redacted] both of Chicago. While these three individuals dined at the Seven Continents Restaurant, O'Hare International Airport, they discussed problems relating to the distribution and sale of the new CP, USA program and also the possibility of hiring [redacted] to undertake publicity, promotion and sales of this new CP, USA program. This matter was being raised and discussed with [redacted] because GUS HALL, General Secretary, CP, USA, had earlier expressed bitter disappointment over the lack of success in distribution and sales of the Party program. HALL had insisted that someone, a "live wire," be located and hired to take on the job of promotion and sales of the program. HALL also indicated he would prefer having some individual from Chicago take this job on and that pay was no object. Since HALL had been pushing this matter, JOHNSON desired to participate in these discussions in order to be able, on his return to New York City, to inform HALL that definite efforts were being undertaken in Chicago to carry out his instructions. At this time no commitment was received from [redacted] to accept the job, but he did agree to further discussions on this matter on March 15, 1966, and also promised to submit some suggestions in writing which might be helpful in promoting the Party program.

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At approximately 7:00 PM, JOHNSON departed Chicago via American Airlines, in accordance with previous arrangements.



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COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
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On March 16, 1966, a confidential source advised that STANLEY LEVISON on March 15, 1966 inquired of [redacted] of the Finance Office, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), the status of money received by SCLC for the week prior to March 14, 1966 from the mail solicitation program handled by the New York City Office of SCLC.

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[redacted] advised LEVISON that for the period about which he inquired daily receipts had averaged approximately \$3,000 per day.

Source advised LEVISON evidenced considerable interest in the results of SCLC's mail solicitation program. He told HARRISON that the New York Office when contacting donors via mail in this solicitation program always encloses some information concerning SCLC activity.

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 copies and for New York 2 copies of LHM.

Source referred to in enclosed LHM is

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Source utilized to characterize LEVISON is
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Dissemination of information furnished by
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 a sensitive position with SCLC and dissemination of
 information furnished by this source to unauthorized
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[redacted] complained that the SCLC Finance Office simply did not have the staff to properly handle the work it was responsible for. He also told LEVISON that on more than one occasion personnel of the Finance Office have prepared memoranda for RALPH D. ABERNATHY, Vice President and Treasurer, SCLC, pointing out problems experienced by the Finance Office. Source stated that [redacted] alleged ABERNATHY apparently paid no attention to these memoranda.

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LEVISON stated he appreciated the problems experienced by the SCLC Finance Office and declared he would endeavor to persuade ABERNATHY to recognize some of these problems and allow the Finance Office an adequate and capable staff.

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- (1 - [REDACTED])
- (1 - 100-5586) (M. L. KING, JR.)
- (1 - 100-6684) [REDACTED]
- (1 - 157-257) (RALPH ABERNATHY)

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On March 16, 1966, a confidential source advised that on February 12, 1966, Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) had called a conference of several individuals held that date at SCLC headquarters. Reverend KING had announced this conference was of an emergency nature, the purpose of which was to examine the immediate financial condition of SCLC and determine methods of increasing the organization's income.

At this conference STANLEY LEVISON suggested that certain labor organizations (not identified) be solicited for contributions. LEVISON and CLARENCE JONES who also attended the conference accepted responsibility for handling the soliciting of these organizations. In addition, Reverend KING suggested that some churches (not identified) also be solicited for financial contributions to SCLC. The conference decided that ANDREW J. YOUNG, Executive Director, SCLC, assisted by [redacted] [redacted] SCLC, would draw up a list of churches to be contacted. b6 b7C

Source advised that as of March 16, 1966 SCLC had realized a total of \$11,500 as a result of soliciting labor organizations and churches as referred to above.

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CLARENCE JONES

CLARENCE JONES is the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

A confidential source advised on February 26, 1957, that he had identified a photograph of CLARENCE JONES as a person whom he knew during late 1953 or early 1954 to be a member of, and in a position of leadership in, the Labor Youth League.

The Labor Youth League has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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A news item in "The Atlanta Daily World" (an Atlanta, Georgia, daily Negro newspaper), dated May 21, 1965, titled "Albany 'Justice' Assailed" datelined Hapeville, Georgia, sets forth information regarding a semi-annual board meeting of the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) held in Hapeville during the previous weekend. The article reports that Miss CAROL HOOVER, Atlanta, Georgia, an administrative assistant at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) was one of four new members added to the board of SCEF at this meeting.

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A characterization of the SCEF is attached hereto.

On August 22, 1964, [REDACTED] of SCLC, Atlanta, Georgia, told STANLEY LEVISON she was glad to have seen him at a party the previous Wednesday, according to a confidential source.

She also asked LEVISON for a financial contribution to the campaign fund of [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
Atlanta, Georgia.

LEVISON advised [REDACTED] that in response to her request he had contributed \$50.

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GANDHI SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

The Gandhi Society for Human Rights was formed for the purpose of developing a philosophy and technique of non-violent civil rights protests. It is a non-action organization and makes no attempt to influence legislation nor participate in demonstrations. The Society furnishes legal assistance in certain civil rights cases. The organization was incorporated June 14, 1962.

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SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC.

"The Southern Patriot," a monthly publication, shows that it is published by the SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC. (SCEF).

"The Southern Patriot" was cited as an "Organ" of the SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOR HUMAN WELFARE (SCHW) by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, on the SCHW, June 12, 1947.

The SCHW was cited as a communist front by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, June 16, 1947.

An amendment to the charter of the SCHW changed the name of that organization to the SCEF, and listed its purpose as being to improve the educational and cultural standards of the Southern people in accordance with the highest American democratic institutions, traditions, and ideals. The amendment was dated April 26, 1946.

A source advised on March 2, 1961, that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, a Communist Party functionary, stated at a meeting of the Communist Party in Baltimore, Maryland, on February 25, 1961, that the Communist Party is not connected with any progressive movement but indirectly they do have some influence in the SCEF.

A second source, who is familiar with some phases of Communist Party activity in the New Orleans area, advised on June 2, 1965, that during the time the SCHW was in existence, Communist Party (CP) members have not been encouraged to work in the SCEF. The source stated the SCEF is a progressive, liberal organization, which he considers a CP front organization because it has gone along with the Communist Party on certain issues, particularly on the racial question.

On June 2, 1964, the second source advised that in the past he has considered [redacted] of the SCEF, to be a Communist, if not an actual Communist Party member, because he followed Communist principles.

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The second source advised on May 27, 1963, that many people who are officials and members of the SCEF, while liberal in their views, are by no means Communists.

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11TH A.D. CLUB OF THE HARLEM CP
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Identity of Source [REDACTED]

Description of info 11th A.D. Club of the Harlem CP b7D

Date Received 2/10/66

Original where located [REDACTED]

A copy of informant's report follows:

1 - [REDACTED]
1 - 100-26603-(CP, USA, NYD)
1 - 100-26603-C42 (NY County CP)(45)
1 - 100-26603-C1214 (Harlem Region CP)
1 - 100-128815 (CP. USA. NYD Negro Quest)
1 - 100-154786 [REDACTED]
1 - 100-133660 [REDACTED]
1 - 100-136577 [REDACTED]
1 - 100-62847 [REDACTED]
1 - 100-153538 [REDACTED]
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1 - 100-81286 [REDACTED]
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1 - 100-154333 [REDACTED]
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J SEATON

7/Feb/66

Meeting: Communist Party's Eleventh A.D. on 2/4/66

Place: Bermuda Hall 420 West 146th Street, NY

Purpose: Semi Monthly Meeting

Present: [redacted]
[redacted]

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Meeting opened with introduction of the three new members. [redacted] and his brother [redacted] were transfers from the defuncted 13th AD. [redacted] who works on the same job as [redacted] and is also connected with the [redacted] at the Council for Jobs and Freedom. [redacted] is on the state committee within the party. He appears to be the ranking member in the 11th.

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[redacted] stated that the party intends to concentrate through the 11th on the Harlem area and make inroads among the youth. There will be a Negro Commission established made up of party and non-party members to review the advancement of the Negro during 1965 and formulate a program for 1966 which will be presented at the mass meeting on the 25th February at which time GUS HALL will introduce the Communist Party National Program. [redacted] also stated that all party members who are not assigned to a club will be contacted and asked to be transferred to the 11th. Party members of the 11th assigned to the Negro Commission from the 11th are : [redacted]

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In conjunction with the commission [redacted] asked if the Community Action Programs here in Harlem would also come under review. [redacted] said they would and that he and [redacted] should get together on this matter.

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[redacted] stated that the Mass Meeting to be given on the 27th at the Audubon Ball Room was meeting with

great success in so far as cooperation from other organizations were concerned. That the committees were functioning and enlarging. [] pointed out that in order to raise funds a party would be given on Saturday February 12th at the Lenox Rendezvous, at 75 Lenox Avenue, between 113th and 114th Streets.

[] requested that all party members with few exception, [] was one exception, should attend the meeting on the 25th. Negro party members generally do not attend party affairs given publicly and they should was [] feeling.

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Scheduled party meetings are: 18 Feb 66 Bermuda Hall and 4 March 66 Bermuda Hall, and 21 March 66, Bermuda Hall.

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 FROM: SAC, ATLANTA
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 Bureau file 100-442529

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 Atlanta file 100-5718
 Bureau file 100-438794

Re Atlanta airtel and LHM dated 3/14/66, captioned
 as above.

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 copies and for New York 4 copies of LHM.

Source referred to in enclosed LHM is [redacted]

Source utilized to characterize [redacted] is [redacted]

[redacted] in 1954. Source utilized to characterize LEVISON is

[redacted] Source utilized to characterize [redacted] is

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 (1 - 100-73250) [redacted]

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 (1 - 100-5718)
 (1 - [redacted])
 (1 - 157-621) (ANDREW YOUNG)
 (1 - 157-660) [redacted]

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3/24/66

AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442529)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-153735)
SUBJECT: CIRM

Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau, 3/15/66.

Referenced airtel contains the name of [redacted]
[redacted] (Phonetic) and suggests the possibility that she
is a sister of [redacted] It is
to be noted that a review of [redacted] file revealed
that he has sisters named [redacted]

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With respect to [redacted] it is to be
noted that the records of the Naval Records Management
Center revealed [redacted] entered on duty on 4/1/44
and was discharged on 12/3/45. He listed his relatives
as follows:

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[redacted] Mother
[redacted] Brother
[redacted] Stepbrother

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On 4/29/65, [] was in contact with [] and asked her to tell [] that he would be in the lobby of [] building the following morning to ride out to the airport with him. On 4/30/65, [] were observed at Kennedy International Airport, NYC.

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Indices of the NYO contain no information identifiable with []

Although there is no information in [] file to substantiate this, it is conceivable, based on the information set out above, that [] has a sister named [] who was born after his separation from the service.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

3/2/66

SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-31723)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
ORGANIZATION
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Re my letter dated 2/2/66.

On 2/15/66, [] orally advised that [] District Organizer, CPEPD, had traveled to New York and discussed the transfer of [] CPEPD, and a current member of the Professional Club, CPEPD.

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According to [] the story put out by [] is correct in that she is not assured of a job in the book store in Chicago, she will have to pay her moving expenses, and then seek employment on her own.

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Source also stated [] had received a letter from JACK KLING from Chicago indicating they are expecting her in Chicago on 3/1/66 and arrangements have been made for her. KLING also suggested she look for some employment opportunities upon her arrival. She may be able to locate one among progressive circles.

[] attempted to have the District Board, CPEPD, discuss this matter, and she would abide by the decision. However, [] feels this is only a transfer and has declined to discuss it at the board meetings. As a result, [] has now delayed her departure from Philadelphia for approximately two weeks. [] has had a change of attitude lately and has indicated she would rather not leave Philadelphia. Source is of the opinion [] is attempting to have this arrangement "killed" by the District Board and thus she would save face and not be embarrassed over her possible refusal to go to Chicago.

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[] has stated [] has been a "thorn in his side" and will be glad when she is out of the city.

On 2/23/66, source reported [] is prepared to further discuss this matter with the National Office, CPUSA, and if need be, will then discuss it at the next board meeting. This would indicate [] would then be in Chicago by mid-March.

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Director, FBI (100-3-116)

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - NEGRO QUESTION -
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Enclosures: Enclosed are seven copies of a circular letter issued by [redacted] in Mexico City, Mexico, and seven copies of a five-page document prepared by an unidentified "New York Committee" whose address is listed as Box 187, Old Chelsea Station, New York, New York 10011.

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The enclosed documents were prepared from documents recently received by [redacted] and made available to this office on 2/9/66.

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The documents, which are self-explanatory, constitute an appeal being made for funds and support for the work being carried on by [redacted] who is working on the racial issues in the southern states from his headquarters in Helena, Alabama.

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Copies are furnished to the Birmingham Office for information in its case bearing instant caption, as well as for its case on [redacted]

Copies of this letter and enclosure are furnished to the New York Office for its information, both under instant caption and in connection with the unidentified committee which apparently prepared the five-page document.

For the information of the Birmingham and New York Offices, [redacted] authors of the enclosed one-page circular letter, are, according to [redacted]

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among the principal associates of the American Communist Group in Mexico.

The American Communist Group in Mexico is a loose association of a predominantly social nature of present and/or past members of the Communist Party, USA, and their friends and associates who share a common sympathy for Communism and the Soviet Union.

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Date: 3/25/66

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FROM : SAC, BUTTE (100-8414) (P*)
SUBJECT: CIRM
OO: New York

Enclosed for the Bureau are five and for New York one copy of a LHM.

The source referred to is [] and []
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The LHM is classified confidential because data reported from these two Informants could reasonably result in the identification of Confidential Informants of continuing value and compromise the future effectiveness thereof.

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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on March 25, 1966, made available the following letter received from New York, New York:

"March 20, 1966

"To all Districts

"Dear Comrades:

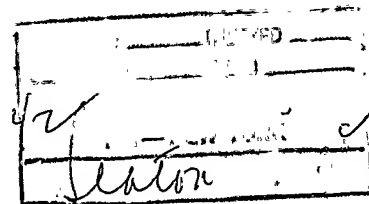
"I wish to call to your attention that a public announcement has been made to the effect that full preparations are under way for the next convention of the Negro American Labor Council which will take place in Baltimore, Md. on May 27-29, 1966.

"The significance of this event lies in the fact that the leadership of the organization find it necessary to strengthen the solidarity of Negro and white as a condition for effectively meeting the mounting problems of inequality faced by Negro Americans.

"Communists are distinguished by the fact that as workers they are to be found in trade unions and play an active role in the struggle to put an end to all forms of discrimination

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within the labor movement on the basis of bringing
unity of Negro and white which in turn will solid-
ify the ranks of labor and the Negro people.

"This exemplary work, I am sure, will continue.

"Comradely yours,

/s/ Wm. L. Patterson"

This document contains neither recommendations nor
conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and
is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be
distributed outside your agency.

A second confidential source on January 4 1966,
identified WILLIAM L. PATTERSON as Chairman of the
New York District, Communist Party, USA, as of
that date.

(added per Bu instructions in Bulet to BA, 4/5/66.)

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Section #23

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To From

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Date {

Date Charged

Employee

Location

SAC, CHICAGO (61-867)

3/29/68

SAC, NEW YORK (100-98699)

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT
IS-C

NY 2010-S* has reported that on 3/18/68, HENRY WINSTON at the National Office of the CP, USA, contacted WILLIAM PATTERSON and expressed his belief that "the people should be notified, and then had read to PATTERSON a letter he had prepared;

"Dear Comrades:

"I wish to call to your attention that a public announcement has been made to the effect that full preparations are under way for the next convention of the NALC (Negro American Labor Council) which will take place in Baltimore next May 22 to 29. The significance of this event lies in the fact that the leaders of the organization find it necessary to strengthen the solidarity of Negro and white as a condition to effectively meet the mounting problems of inequality faced by Negroes. Communists are distinguished by the fact that as workers they are to be found in trade unions and play an active role in the struggle to end all forms of discrimination within the labor movement on the basis of forging unity of Negro and white which in turn will solidify the ranks of labor and the Negro people. This exemplary work, I am sure, you will continue."

PATTERSON expressed approval, and WINSTON said he would sign it WILLIAM L. PATTERSON and CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT.

2-Chicago (61-867) (RM)
1-NY (100-84275) (PATTERSON) (42)
1-NY (100-209) (WINSTON) (42)
1-NY (100-153735) (CIRM) (42)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-17375) DATE: 3/29/66
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-4013)
SUBJECT: SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY
IS-SWP

On 2/15/66, [redacted]

[redacted] (protect per request), made available to
SAS [redacted] and JOHN R. KENNEDY a manila folder
found in the waiting area near the gate from which Northwest
Flight 9 departed on 2/13/66.

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A review of the contents of this folder disclosed
that it belonged to [redacted] of Seattle, Washington.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] had been in contact with
Northwest Airline and requested immediate delivery of
this material to Seattle, Washington, by air on 2/15/66.

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It is noted that [redacted] is identical with [redacted]
[redacted] SWP National Committee (NC) member, who attended the
SWP NC Plenum held 2/11-13/66 in NYC.

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Copies of this material were made by the above
Agents and included the following information:

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(1-100-56733) [redacted]

1-NY 100-153735 (CIRM) (42)

1-NY 100-134208 [redacted] (44)

1-NY 100-115760 [redacted] (44)

1-NY 100-4013 (SWP) (44)

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FOR NC INFORMATION

To All the Negro Comrades

Dear Comrades:

In accordance with the decision reached at the party convention last September to find a way to bring about a better method of communication, collaboration and mutual exchange between the Negro comrades and to strengthen the party's Negro cadre and increase the party's effectiveness, A Negro Commission has been established. The Commission is composed of National Committee members, Bob Vernon, George Jones and Clifton DeBerry.

The Commission suggests that the Negro comrades send us their suggestions on how best to accomplish this task. We would also like to have your thinking, views and observations on the reaction of Negro militants to the war in Vietnam, the SNCC statement on the war, the Freedom Now Struggle, and the Julian Bond case. If you have not already tried, we suggest that you initiate a probe of some kind in the Negro community. If this is not possible, another suggestion would be to visit Negro subscribers to the Militant in your area. In those branches where the party ran an election campaign recently, it would be a good idea to see and talk with Negroes who expressed an interest in the campaign.

The Negro comrades in New York are in the process of a probe along the lines outlined above. An Afro-American Committee Against the War in Vietnam has been established (at the initiative of our comrades). We will be forwarding you a copy of the committee's first Newsletter soon, along with any other material from New York area that would be of interest and perhaps helpful to you. We would suggest that you send material from your area along the same lines to us here. (The above mentioned committee is still too young for a meaningful appraisal at this time.)

Please forward your ideas and suggestions as soon as possible to the Commission. Send them to Socialist Workers Party, National Office; Attention: C. DeBerry, 873 Broadway, New York, New York 10003.

We want to pass your experiences and thinking on to the other comrades in their branches. As soon as we hear from you and can make a full report based on your reports, we will make a full report and send it to you.

Comradely,
S/ Clifton DeBerry

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